



COVID-19 Small Business & Nonprofit Resource Guide



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Small Business Funding

Small Business- Funding Resource Guides

Compiled, updated listings of various funding sources including grants and loans.

- [Business Link NC](#) ^{1,2, 3} - Business Link North Carolina (BLNC) provides business owners with information and resources available from the State of North Carolina to assist their companies, from start-ups to major employers. BLNC business counselors help callers with information about registering a business with the state, business and occupational licenses, tax requirements, government contracting, business plans, tax information to marketing and access to capital. Counselors are available to offer information and services in Spanish.
- [Candid](#) ¹ - Through research, collaboration, and training, Candid connects nonprofits, foundations, and individuals to the resources they need to do good, building on 88 years of dedicated experience. Candid has created three dedicated websites for collecting and disseminating information on funding and support for nonprofits and small businesses.
- [COVID19 Capital Relief](#) ¹ - A comprehensive, searchable database that includes grants, loans, and other cash equivalents that can help entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and businesses anywhere in the world.

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- [COVID-19 Funding Sources \(sba.gov\)](https://www.sba.gov/covid19) - SBA has curated a list of thousands of funding sources at the national, state, regional, and local levels designed to support small businesses in accessing capital to recover from COVID-19. The opening page captures programs that are available nationally. Visitors then only need to enter a ZIP code of interest to see which programs their area may be eligible. The information is current as of the date of publication, so resource availability may change over time.
- [Founder Grants](#) ^{1, 2} - Founder Grants was built to solve one basic problem: connecting early stage founders with resources to fund their inventions. It was developed by the 1517 Fund in partnership with Lambda School students.
- [GrantStation Covid-19 Related Funding](#) ¹⁻ GrantStation.com, Inc. offers nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies the opportunity to identify potential funding sources for their programs or projects as well as resources to mentor these organizations through the grantseeking process. They are collecting updated funding resources for small businesses and nonprofits impacted by Covid-19.
- [Gusto COVID-19 Small Business Financial Relief Guide](#) ¹ - Gusto is a platform for businesses to process payroll, benefits, and more. They have compiled an updated resource listing state-by-state as well as national funds, grants, and resources for small businesses.
- [NC Biotech Center COVID-19 Resources for North Carolina Life Science Companies and Researchers](#) - This page compiles resources and news relevant to local life science companies and researchers including information and funding opportunities related to COVID-19.

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- [Supportedly](#)¹ - Supportedly exists to help entrepreneurs & ecosystems start and grow with confidence through a combination of connectivity tools, actionable training and content, and community engagement programs.

Small Business- Federal Funding

Funding available from the Federal Government.

- [Small Business Administration](#)³ - Providing extensive support for small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 through low interest loans and other funding programs. PPP and EIDL-Advance funds are dependent on federal appropriation. Check websites listed below for further details.
 - [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#) Paycheck Protection Program resumes January 11, 2021 at 9am ET SBA, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, will open the Paycheck Protection Program loan portal on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 9 am ET. When the PPP loan portal system opens, it will initially accept First Draw PPP loan applications from participating CFIs, which include Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs), Certified Development Companies (CDCs), and Microloan Intermediaries. Second Draw PPP Loans beginning January 13, 2021 for certain businesses who have previously received a PPP loan. [Paycheck Protection Program Borrower Application Form](#). [PPP Second Draw Borrower Application Form](#). Deadline to apply is March 31st.
 - [SBA FAQ on PPP and PPP Loan Forgiveness Updated Aug 11](#)
 - [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Second Draw Loans \(1/6/21\)](#)
 - [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) as Amended by the Economic Aid Act \(1/6/21\)](#)
 - [Guidance on Accessing Capital for Minority Underserved Veteran and Women Owned Business Concerns \(1/6/21\)](#)
 - In order to reach the smallest businesses, SBA will offer PPP loans to businesses with 20 or less employees and sole proprietors only from Wednesday, February 24 through Wednesday, March 10, 2021. President

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Biden has also announced [additional program changes](#) to make access to PPP loans more equitable.

- [U.S. Department of Treasury Information on CARES Act Assistance to Small Businesses](#)
- [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\) & EIDL Emergency Advance \(EIDL-Advance\)](#)
 - SBA will begin accepting new Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance applications on a limited basis only to provide relief to U.S. agricultural businesses.
 - Agricultural businesses includes those businesses engaged in the production of food and fiber, ranching, and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries (as defined by section 18(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 647(b)).
 - SBA is encouraging all eligible agricultural businesses with 500 or fewer employees wishing to apply to begin preparing their business financial information needed for their application.
 - Eligible agricultural businesses may apply for the Loan Advance [here](#).
 - [COVID-19 Targeted EIDL Advance](#) was signed into law on December 27, 2020, as part of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act. The Targeted EIDL Advance provides businesses located in low-income communities with additional funds to ensure small business continuity, adaptation, and resiliency. Advance funds of up to \$10,000 will be available to applicants located in low-income communities who previously received an EIDL Advance for less than \$10,000, or those who applied but received no funds due to lack of available program funding. Applicants do not need to take any action at this time. SBA will reach out to those who qualify. SBA will first reach out to EIDL applications that already received a partial EIDL Advance (between \$1,000 - \$9,000). Applicants will be contacted directly by SBA via email in the coming weeks with instructions to determine eligibility and submit documentation. All communications from SBA will be sent from an official government email with an @sba.gov ending. Please do not send sensitive information via email to any address that does not end in @sba.gov.
 - [Economic Injury Disaster Loan EIDL Overview Jan-21-2021](#)
- [SBA Express Bridge Loans](#)

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- [SBA Debt Relief](#)
- [SBA Lender Match Tool](#)- Lender Match is a free online tool that connects small businesses with SBA-approved CDFIs and small lenders. Do not use if looking for Disaster loans.
- [Shuttered Venue Operators Grant](#) - The Shuttered Venue Operators (SVO) Grant program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, signed into law on December 27, 2020. The program includes \$15 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for SVO Grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million. \$2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees. Eligible entities include: live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, Live performing arts organization operators, relevant museum operators- zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria, motion picture theater operators, talent representatives, and, each business entity owned by an eligible entity that also meets the eligibility requirements. Other requirements of note: must have been in operation as of February 29, 2020 and venue or promoter must not have received a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020. Detailed information on eligibility requirements coming soon. SBA is in the process of setting up the grant program and is not yet accepting applications. Check website for further details.
 - [Shuttered Venue Operators Grants Frequently Asked Questions](#) (revised 03-05-21)
 - [Eligibility requirements](#) (published 03-05-21)
 - [Preliminary application checklist](#) (published 03-05-21)

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- [Federal Resources for U.S. Small Businesses](#)- The official federal resource website for U.S. small businesses affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus). You can view relevant federal agency resources, access the latest news, and search for a Small Business Advisor near you.
- [Federal Reserve Main Street Lending Program](#)- The program is designed to help credit flow to small and medium-sized businesses and nonprofit organizations that were in sound financial condition before the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, but now need loans to help maintain their operations until they have recovered from, or adapted to, the impacts of the pandemic. Loans originated under the program have several features that will help businesses and nonprofits facing challenges. The program offers 5-year loans, with floating rates, and principal and interest payments deferred as indicated in the charts below to assist those experiencing temporary cash flow interruptions. To support a broad set of employers, loan size starts at \$250,000 and ranges up to \$300 million for some loan types. Main Street loans are not grants and cannot be forgiven. On December 29, in order to allow more time to process and fund loans that were initially submitted to the Main Street lender portal on or before December 14, 2020, the Federal Reserve Board and Secretary of the Treasury extended the termination date of the Main Street Lending Program to January 8, 2021. (The Main Street Lending Program has ceased purchasing participations in eligible loans.)
 - (4/30) [The Federal Reserve](#) has expanded the scope and eligibility for the Main Street Lending Program. The changes include:
 - Creating a third loan option, with increased risk sharing by lenders for borrowers with greater leverage;
 - Lowering the minimum loan size for certain loans to \$500,000; and
 - Expanding the pool of businesses eligible to borrow.
 - [Main Street Lending Program Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - (6/8) [The Federal Reserve](#) expands its Main Street Lending Program to allow more small and medium-sized businesses to be able to receive support.
 - (6/15) [Main Street Lending Program Forms and Agreements](#)

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- (8/7) Fed chairman Jerome H. Powell announced that the central bank would extend through December 31 its crisis-era lending facilities, including the Main Street Lending Program, a low-interest loan offering aimed at companies with up to \$5 billion in annual revenue or fewer than 15,000 employees. The program was scheduled to expire on September 30 (via [INC](#))
- (11/6) [Federal Reserve Board adjusts terms](#) of Main Street Lending Program to better target support to smaller businesses that employ millions of workers and are facing continued revenue shortfalls due to the pandemic
- All Main Street loan facilities are currently scheduled to terminate on Dec. 31, 2020. On November 25, 2020, FAQ L.13 was added to the Main Street Lending Program For-Profit Business FAQs and Nonprofit Organization FAQs to provide guidance with respect to termination of the Main Street facilities at the end of this year, advising that (i) lender registration should be initiated by December 4, 2020, (ii) eligible loans should be submitted to the Main Street Portal for participation by December 14, 2020, and (iii) the Main Street SPV will cease issuing commitment letters as of December 23, 2020.
<https://www.bostonfed.org/-/media/Documents/special-lending-facilities/mslp/legal/frequently-asked-questions-faqs.pdf>
- (12/30) [New FAQ on Main Street Lending Program](#)
- [SBA 7\(a\) Lenders Serving North Carolina Small Businesses](#)
- [Lenders participating in PPP by State.](#)
- Guides to Federal Funding
 - U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Independent Contractor's Guide to CARES Act Relief"-
<https://www.uschamber.com/report/independent-contractors-guide-cares-act-relief>
 - U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship's "Guide to the CARES Act"- <https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/guide-to-the-cares-act>
 - SBA Coronavirus Pandemic Disaster Loans Comparison Chart:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12xv4xcsg_9xoVeEE_Y1j2sicNbCvI2GAVinSowU2zgq/htmlview#gid=702828758
 - *Entrepreneur Magazine*, "How to Get Second-Round PPP Funds as a Sole Proprietor" (April 23, 2020)- <https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/349684>

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- Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Application:
<https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-loan-forgiveness-application>
- U.S. Chamber's Guide to PPP Loan Forgiveness:
<https://www.uschamber.com/report/guide-ppp-loan-forgiveness>
- Information on PPP Flexibility Act:
<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/trump-signs-ppp-flexibility-act-law>
- Wednesday, June 17 "New EZ and Revised Full Forgiveness Applications for the Paycheck Protection Program"
 - The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, posted a revised, borrower-friendly Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness application implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020, signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020. In addition to revising the full forgiveness application, SBA also published a new EZ version of the forgiveness application that applies to borrowers that:
 - Are self-employed and have no employees; OR
 - Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; OR
 - Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19, and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%.
 - The EZ application requires fewer calculations and less documentation for eligible borrowers. Details regarding the applicability of these provisions are available in the instructions to the new EZ application form.
 - Both applications give borrowers the option of using the original 8-week covered period (if their loan was made before June 5, 2020) or an extended 24-week covered period. These changes will result in a more efficient process and make it easier for businesses to realize full forgiveness of their PPP loan.
 - Forgiveness Application Instructions for Borrowers -
content.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/PPP%20Loan%20Forgiveness%20Application%20Instructions%20%28Revised%206.16.2020%29.pdf

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- EZ Forgiveness Application Instructions for Borrowers-
content.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/PPP%20Loan%20Forgiveness%20Application%20Form%20EZ%20Instructions%20%28Revised%2006.16.2020%29.pdf
- [SBA PPP Loan Forgiveness Application Form 3508s](#) for Borrowers that Received a PPP Loan of \$50,000 Or Less
- [Our Fair Share](#) - Our Fair Share's goal is to educate and guide minority small business owners, non-profits, independent contractors and churches through the SBA PPP loan programs available to you through the recently passed CARES Act.
- [Inc. Magazine's "4 Post-PPP Coronavirus Relief Programs for Small Biz" \(Aug 7, 2020\)](#)

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Small Business- General Funding

Various funding options open to a variety of different types of small business. Closely review eligibility requirements and application dates.

- [AdamStart COVINATOR Teen Prize](#) - ~~The AdamStart COVINATOR Teen Prize is a four-week worldwide campaign calling all young creative minds to submit an innovative response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ideas will directly benefit or support their local community during the prevention, control, or limitation phases of the virus. This entrepreneurial initiative is open to anyone aged 13 to 19 years old of any demographic and from every corner of the Earth. All successful winners will receive mentoring and coaching, enterprise training, and access to funding. (Application is closed)~~
- [American Heart Association North Carolina Community Health Mini-Grant](#) ^{2,3} - ~~Communities know their needs and often have ideas and solutions to improve the health of their community. The American Heart Association (AHA), in partnership Blue Cross Blue Shield NC, is partnering with and funding community leaders to implement their ideas through mini grants to promote heart health in the Triangle (Wake, Durham, and Orange counties), Triad (Guilford and Forsyth counties), and Charlotte (Mecklenburg, Gaston, and Union counties). Community partners are eligible for mini-grants ranging from \$2,500-\$10,000 to support heart healthy policies and environments. Community members, including individuals, churches, senior centers, community health centers, housing authority, historically black colleges and universities, community colleges, city and county government, hospitals, employers, and others are welcome to apply. For more information and technical support: annie.thornhill@heart.org (Application Deadline: Thursday, November 12, 2020)~~

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- [Booz Allen Foundation: Innovation Fund](#) - The Innovation Fund is intended to help nonprofits, entrepreneurs, thought leaders, innovators at colleges and universities, and startups and small businesses harness the power of data, technology, and diverse intellectual capital to improve COVID-19 relief efforts. The focus is on solutions and projects that will build lasting community resilience through protecting vulnerable populations and frontline workers or providing for the safe return to work. Application deadline is June 5th. (Applications are closed)
- [DGI Retail Revitalization Grant Program](#)- The DGI Retail Revitalization Grant Program is a small business grant available to help businesses in downtown Greensboro impacted by COVID-19. Grants of up to \$1,500 will be awarded for new business plan initiatives, inventory growth, marketing, rent assistance, job retention, and other related business expenses. Any storefront retail business that sells a good or service located in the downtown Greensboro Business Investment District (BID) is eligible to apply. Must have been open for business prior to January 1, 2020 to be eligible. Grant recipients may request up to \$1,500. (Program has closed)
- [DGI Rebuilding Greensboro Grant](#)² - On June 16th, 2020, Greensboro City Council approved \$250,000 to help repair businesses throughout Greensboro that were damaged on May 30th and 31st, 2020. Downtown Greensboro Inc. (DGI) will serve as the administrator of these grants. Grants ranging from \$100 to a maximum \$3,000 are available for window replacement and paint removal/repainting. **Additionally, protective measures such as plywood installations that were undertaken in light of the vandalism on May 30th and 31st, 2020 will also be considered.** Please note this is a grant program and not a loan program. There are no expectations of repayment. For eligibility requirements, please see website.

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- [The Entrepreneurial Dream Project](#)- Supermaker is a media company helping level the playing field for startups and creators with content and community. The Entrepreneurial Dream Project is a grant and mentorship program for new businesses in the era of COVID-19. Supermaker will award \$100,000 and mentorship from acclaimed executives and industry experts benefiting founders who are keeping the entrepreneurial dream alive amidst global pandemic. Recipients will receive non-dilutive capital and coaching from the Supermaker Mentor Network, a dream team of 40+ business leaders from Mark Cuban to Rebecca Minkoff, with representation from companies including Unilever, Adidas, Harry's, and many more. A financial award of \$100,000 will be split equally between two companies. Additionally, ten companies will receive mentoring from the Supermaker Mentor Network of acclaimed founders, executives, investors, and operators. Submissions are open now through June 22nd, 2020. (applications are closed)
- [FedEx #SupportSmall Grants](#) - FedEx is providing grants to small businesses that have been greatly impacted financially by the COVID-19 crisis in the U.S. You must be older than 18; be a U.S.-based for-profit small business in operation and selling for more than 1 year, with less than 50 employees; have less than \$5 million in annual sales revenue in 2019; and have shipped in the last 12 months and/or plan to ship in the coming 12 months as part of your business. Non-profits, franchised businesses, direct seller/reseller businesses, independent consultants and previous winners in the FedEx Small Business Grant Contest are not eligible to apply for this grant. The application process opens on May 25, 2020, and the deadline to apply for a grant is June 12, 2020, at 11:59:59 p.m. ET. (applications have closed).

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- [Freelancers Relief Fund](#) - ~~Freelancers Relief Fund will offer financial assistance of up to \$1,000 per freelance household to cover lost income and essential expenses not covered by government relief programs, including food/food supplies, utility payments, and cash assistance to cover income loss. (Applications have been temporarily closed due to the overwhelming response they have received from the Freelance community. They will send an update to members when they are able to reopen application submissions.)~~
- [Guilford CARES Small Business Assistance Grant Program](#) - ~~To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Guilford County small businesses and their employees, Guilford County is providing emergency financial support through the Guilford CARES Small Business Assistance Grant Program that is targeted at qualified small businesses that are negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to Stay at Home Orders. The program will provide one-time grants of up to \$10,000 to help offset the significant, temporary loss of revenue to these qualified businesses during this pandemic and to assist businesses in retaining and paying employees. Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. In order to expedite issuance of funds applications will only be received using the online tool linked above. Those with additional questions may contact the Small Business Grant Information line beginning Tuesday June 2, 2020 at 9:00AM at (336) 641-5051. (The Small Business Assistance Grant Program Application Period is Now Closed.)~~

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- [GoFundMe Small Business Relief Fund](#) - The Small Business Relief Fund will provide one-time matching grants to qualifying small businesses to help alleviate the financial burdens during these pressing times. Donations to the relief fund will be paid out as grants to businesses that qualify, and which businesses have created a fundraiser through the Small Business Relief Initiative or had an existing GoFundMe. To qualify for a matching grant from the Small Business Relief Fund, the GoFundMe fundraiser must raise at least \$500 and verify that your small business has been negatively impacted by a government mandate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your small business must be independently owned and operated, and must not be nationally dominant in your field of operation. Each recipient of the matching grant must intend on using the funds to help care for your employees or pay ongoing business expenses.

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- [The HartBeat of Main Street Grant Program](#) - In partnership with The Hartford, Main Street America have created a grant program to support brick-and-mortar businesses in commercial districts as they enter the next phases of reopening across the country. The HartBeat of Main Street Grant Program will fund solutions that help small business owners respond and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, and also help to revitalize and strengthen older and historic downtown commercial districts. Grants of \$5,000 to \$15,000 will be awarded on a competitive and first-come, first-served basis. A minimum of 50 percent of grants will benefit diverse-owned businesses, as defined by the Small Business Administration as minority, woman, veteran, disabled, and/or LGBTQ-owned. Grant applicants are not required to be customers of The Hartford. Applications will be weighed and grants awarded without consideration of applicant's being or not being a present, past, or prospective customer of The Hartford. Applications will be accepted beginning at 9am PT October 22, 2020 through 4:59 PM PT October 29, 2020. A link to the online application will be posted on [their program webpage](#) and social channels as soon as the application opens. In the meantime, you can review a [PDF version of the application here](#). (Application Closes 10/29)

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- [Hello Alice COVID-19 Business for All Grants](#) ³- Hello Alice is for anybody and everybody who wants to start or grow a business. Hello Alice (helloalice.com) helps businesses launch and grow. A free, predictive technology, Hello Alice guides business owners by providing access to funding, networks and services. Hello Alice is offering \$10,000 grants being distributed immediately to small business owners impacted by coronavirus, as part of our broader mission to ensure Business for All. In addition to funding, grant recipients will receive ongoing support from the Hello Alice community. Application portal is open and the deadline to apply is September 25. To allow more time for applicants to complete and submit their applications, Sponsor has extended the BFA Grant Contest to Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM Pacific Time. (application closed)
- [Local Initiatives Support Corporation \(LISC\)/ Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund](#) ³- Government, foundations and for-profit companies have the capital; residents and local institutions understand the need; and LISC bridges the gap by offering the relationships and expertise to help community organizations attract the kinds of resources that allow them do their best work. They receive their funding from banks, corporations, foundations and government agencies. In turn, they use that funding to provide financing (loans, grants and equity) and technical and management assistance to local partners and developers. LISC has received a \$2.5 Million investment from Verizon for its Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund. Next round opens August 31st. Applications must be submitted by Monday, September 7th at 11:59 PM ET. (Program is closed)

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- [Lowe's-LISC Partnership Grant](#) ³ - Thanks to a significant grant from Lowe's, LISC will provide the emergency assistance that small businesses desperately need to stay afloat. They will deploy grants to help them bridge the financial gap, and provide guidance to help them navigate the intricate web of public and private resources now available. LISC will focus these efforts on historically underserved communities—especially those enterprises owned or led by minorities and women, who often lack access to affordable capital. Next round opens August 31st. Applications must be submitted by Monday, September 7th at 11:59 PM ET. (program is closed)
- [NC Commerce Job Retention Grant](#)- If your business or non-profit organization experienced interruption due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the new Job Retention Grant (JRG) Program may be able to offer assistance. On July 1, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper signed into law House Bill 1023 to create the grant program (see section 4.2B of the bill). The JRG program utilizes the Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide economic relief to North Carolina businesses and nonprofits negatively impacted by the public health emergency. The maximum grant amount may be up to two months of the eligible entity's average monthly payroll costs from 2019 plus an additional 25% of that amount. The grant amount may not exceed \$250,000. The total of all funds granted under the Job Retention Grant Program may not exceed \$15,000,000. If the total amount of grants requested by qualified applicants exceeds the maximum amount of funds available, each grant award will be reduced on a proportionate basis. Additional program guidance and application materials are now available. See website for eligibility details. Email any questions or comments to jrg@nccommerce.com. Application deadline of Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 11:59pm. (Application Closed)

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- [NC Commerce Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief \(MURR\) Program](#) -
~~The N.C. Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief (MURR), administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, can provide up to \$20,000 in relief funds per qualifying business location. Business applicants from certain industry sectors that have not been able to operate during the COVID period may apply for up to two of their business locations. Applicants can apply for up to four months of mortgage interest or rent expenses, and utility expenses. The help offers relief for some of the fixed costs a business cannot easily control on its own. Applications to the program should open next week and will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Applicants must certify that they were closed during the period April 1 through July 31, 2020; they expect to be able to operate after the COVID crisis has passed; and they have not been reimbursed by any other federal source for the expenses for which they seek reimbursement through this program. See website linked above for eligibility criteria. Applications are open and being accepted applications for this assistance on a first come, first served basis. (As of 10/27 the MURR has been expanded to include nonprofit organizations). As of 11/12/20, full-service restaurants will be eligible to apply to the Mortgage, Utility, and Rent Relief (MURR) Program. Restaurants may only request direct payments for up to four months of rent or mortgage interest—restaurants will not be eligible for utility cost reimbursement. Restaurants may request payments for up to \$20,000 per location, for no more than two locations, and must employ fewer than 50 people at the location where they are seeking assistance. (11/13/20- The MURR Program can no longer accept any new applications)~~

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- [NC IDEA](#)²-NC IDEA empowers entrepreneurs to reach their full potential by offering support when they need it most. Their strategic combination of competitive grants and programs helps entrepreneurs at all stages of business development. Most grant opportunities close on March 1st.

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- [NC IDEA NC BEC ECOSYSTEM grant program](#)² - ~~The NC BEC ECOSYSTEM grant program is designed to: Identify (and support) partners doing inspired things to serve the entrepreneurial aspirations and economic potential of North Carolina's Black community; Encourage more organizations and individuals to support and participate in efforts to elevate Black entrepreneurship in North Carolina; Support and promote Black leadership of entrepreneurial support organizations. Better understand how we may (collectively) support more Black people in their ambition to start and build growth-oriented companies that will strengthen the economy of North Carolina; Provide a means for our organization to foster relationships, dialog and learning between all NC IDEA ECOSYSTEM and NC BEC ECOSYSTEM partners. The NC BEC ECOSYSTEM solicitation requires that proposals solely focus on helping Black entrepreneurs and growth-oriented Black-owned firms start and grow scalable businesses. It is not our intention to create funding dependencies with this grant program. This effort is intended to validate vital activities and demonstrate that continuing (supporting) those activities, beyond the period of the grant, would be in the interest of the communities served. It is also not our intention to indirectly provide COVID-19 relief funds via this grant program, as other entities in the state can better address those needs. We invite proposals from 501(c)(3) and for profit organizations within North Carolina that are in service to, or have programs specifically focused on, helping Black entrepreneurs and growth-oriented Black-owned firms start and grow scalable businesses. We are open to new programs and ideas that are being disruptive and driving change, as well as existing programs and initiatives. ALL grant dollars must be allocated toward specific programs and activities serving the Black entrepreneurial community of North Carolina. Deadline Nov 2. (Application closed)~~

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- [NC Rapid Recovery supported by the Golden Leaf Foundation](#) ³- The North Carolina COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Lending program supports North Carolina small businesses and family farms as they recover from the economic impact of COVID-19. This rapid recovery loan helps small businesses bridge the gap between when crisis strikes and when federal loans, insurance payouts, and other relief funds are approved, or businesses have time to recover. This is not a grant program. Repayment is expected. 9/21/20 Update: New loan terms available. The NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loan Program now allows businesses to borrow up to \$250,000 with no payments and 0.25 percent interest for the first 18 months, and includes a 102-month repayment term. (The application period for the NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loan Program has now ended. If you have questions about your existing application, contact ncrapidrecovery@threadcap.org for assistance.)
- [PBC x Jaycees of Greensboro - Small Business Micro-Grant Program](#) - Up to 10 \$500 grants for small businesses are available, first come, first served. Sponsored by Piedmont Business Capital & Greensboro Jaycees. (Applications have closed)
- [Piedmont Business Capital \(PBC\) Small Business Continuity Fund](#)- An emergency fund to provide low barrier access to capital to small businesses in Greensboro. PBC will deploy small-dollar 0% interest loans from \$5,000 – \$10,000 depending on need with all payments deferred for the first 90 days on 48 to 60-month terms. PBC will support with wrap-around services to counsel the business through the changing landscape of commerce as a direct result of this virus. Nonprofits, independent contractors, self-employed, and more are eligible. (Applications have closed due to exceeding funding. Applications will be considered if additional funding is secured. Applicants are encouraged to explore [Piedmont Business Capital's other small business loan opportunities](#)).

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- [Piedmont Business Capital & Guilford Merchants Association Small Business Relief Fund](#) - Piedmont Business Capital (PBC) and the Guilford Merchants Association will collect data from businesses impacted by COVID-19 experiencing a decline in profitability and provide small-dollar relief loans to help support the Guilford County small business community. Starting August 3, 2020, small businesses and sole proprietorships can submit an interest form by visiting [this link](#) to our application. All businesses that are members of the Guilford Merchants Association GMA or are interested in becoming a member of GMA, including nonprofits, veterans organizations, Tribal business concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors – with 500 or fewer employees can apply. See website for more eligibility criteria.
- [Rural LISC Rural Relief Small Business Grants](#) - Only small businesses located in rural communities are eligible at this time. Rural communities are defined as having a population of 50,000 or less. A community is defined as the city/town/village where your business address is located. If the business is mobile (a food truck, fishing boat, ride share driver, etc) please use the address where your vehicle is stored during non-business hours. All potential applicants are encouraged to [review their FAQ and grant information](#) before applying. Non-profit organizations are ineligible for the relief funding program at this time, but may be eligible for later rounds of funding. They will support small businesses and enterprises affected by Covid-19 across the country, especially those in underserved communities, including entrepreneurs of color, women and veteran-owned businesses that often lack access to flexible, affordable capital. Applications will be reviewed based on criteria designed to prioritize particularly challenged businesses, and the final grantees will be randomly selected from the top scoring applicants. Application re-opens December 29, 2020 – January 5, 2021. (Application closed January 5th)

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- [Salesforce Care Small Business Grant](#) - Salesforce is offering \$10,000 grants to U.S. small businesses to provide capital to help them weather this crisis. International small business support will be announced soon. North Carolina application dates are April 24, 2020-May 1, 2020. (Applications closed May 1)
- [Ten Pound Hammer Greensboro Brandemic Opportunity](#) - Ten Pound Hammer is offering one Greensboro business a rebranding package worth approx \$10,000, for free. Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. Deadline to apply is September 30th. (Opportunity has ended)
- [Thryv Foundation COVID-19 Grant](#) - The Thryv Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which empowers, develops and invests in small businesses so they can be more successful, make better decisions and inspire a community. They have developed a grant for businesses impacted by COVID-19. (Applications closed)
- [US Chamber Save Small Business Grant Fund³](#) - The Save Small Business Fund is a grantmaking initiative by the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation, offering short-term relief for small employers in the United States and its territories. To qualify, the business must: employ between 3 and 20 people, be located in an economically vulnerable community, and have been harmed financially by the COVID-19 pandemic. (Applications closed)

Small Business- Arts/ Creatives Sector Funding

Funding specifically for small businesses and independent artists in the creative-sector. Closely review eligibility requirements and application dates.

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- [The Actors Fund for Everyone in Entertainment Emergency Financial Assistance](#)- The Actors Fund has partnered with other entertainment industry organizations to provide emergency financial assistance to those in immediate financial need. Funds are available to union and non-union workers in entertainment and the performing arts. Individuals may be eligible for more than one fund. Provides information on fifteen different funds.
- [The Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant](#)² - The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant program is intended to provide interim financial assistance to qualified painters, printmakers, and sculptors whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation. Each grant is given as one-time assistance for a specific emergency, examples of which are fire, flood, or emergency medical need. This program has no deadlines. The program does not consider requests for dental work, chronic situations, capital improvements, or projects of any kind; nor can it consider situations resulting from general indebtedness or lack of employment. The maximum amount of this grant is \$15,000; an award of \$5,000 is typical.

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- [Artist Relief Grant](#) - Artist Relief is an emergency initiative organized by the [Academy of American Poets](#), [Artadia](#), [Creative Capital](#), [Foundation for Contemporary Arts](#), [MAP Fund](#), [National YoungArts Foundation](#), and [United States Artists](#)—all mid-sized national arts grantmakers that have come together in this unprecedented moment—to distribute \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19; serve as an ongoing informational resource; and co-launch the [COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers](#), designed by [Americans for the Arts](#), to better identify and address the needs of artists moving forward. Applications are now open for Cycle IX. The application will be open from November 19 – December 10 (closes 11:59pm ET). See [FAQ](#) for funding eligibility. (Applications closed)
- [Arts Greensboro Artist Support Grant](#)² - Artists in all disciplines are eligible to apply for grants to support their professional and artistic development through a partnership of the North Carolina Arts Council and Arts Davidson County, Davie County Arts Council, The Arts Council of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County, Randolph Arts Guild, and ArtsGreensboro. Grants will range in awards from \$500 to \$2,000. Artist Support Grants will be distributed to eligible applicants by ArtsGreensboro in the following counties: Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, and Randolph. (Application Deadline: Monday, October 5, 2020 11:59pm)
- [Arts Greensboro Artist Emergency Relief Fund](#)- This Emergency Fund is only open to professional artists living in the Greater Greensboro area. The fund is a money in, money out fund. ArtsGreensboro will disperse funds weekly, based on the amount donated. This fund is directed to working artists, not organizations or nonprofits. (Campaign has been suspended)

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- [Arts Greensboro/ North Carolina Arts Council NC CARES for Arts Grants](#) - ~~The North Carolina General Assembly designated \$9.4 million federal CARES Act funds for arts councils and arts organizations to mitigate business disruptions caused by COVID-19. The North Carolina Arts Council will distribute these funds on a per-capita basis to all North Carolina counties with a population of less than one million people. In many counties, local arts councils will receive the funds and then sub-grant a portion of the county allotment to eligible recipients. In Guilford County, arts and culture organizations with programs that are directly related to the creation, education, preservation, presentation of arts or cultural programming, and be the primary presenter/producer of the work and responsible for all aspects of its provision to the community are eligible to apply to for a North Carolina CARES for Arts grant. The NC CARES for Arts Grants MUST BE USED to offset business disruption and/or expenses incurred due to COVID-19 between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020. The following expenses can be considered: paid salaries and benefits (including contractors), on-going operating expenses, costs associated with canceling programs and creating virtual programs, and COVID-related safety and cleaning measures. Applicants must provide documentation as evidence for expenses. Documents such as receipts, bills/invoices, monthly financial statements, and payroll ledgers will be considered. Revenue losses are not considered for mitigation in this grant program. North Carolina CARES for Arts funding cannot reimburse expenses already paid for by other federal relief funds such as PPP loans, direct grants from the NEA, and stimulus grants issued by the North Carolina Arts Council. (APPLICATION DEADLINE 5:00 PM, November 9, 2020)~~
- [Arts Greensboro Emergency Funding Resources for Artists](#) - A comprehensive listing of funding resources for Arts organizations.

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- [ASC Resources for Arts, Science and History Organizations & Creative Individuals](#) ^{1,2} - Comprehensive, updated list of funding resources for arts, science, and history organizations.
- [Author's League Fund](#) - The Fund exists to help professional writers continue their careers with dignity by providing no-strings-attached “loans” to pay for pressing expenses. Repayment of this emergency support is not required. They are accepting applications from writers experiencing income loss due to COVID-19.

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- [Center for Cultural Innovation Grant & Loan Fund for Early-Stage Arts, Creative, and Cultural Cooperatives](#)² - ~~The Grant & Loan Fund for Early Stage Arts, Creative, and Cultural Cooperatives is a collaboration between the Center for Cultural Innovation's (CCI) AmbitioUS national initiative; Seed Commons, a national cooperative of locally rooted non-extractive loan funds; and Uptima Business Bootcamp, a member owned business accelerator that provides hands-on education and resources to entrepreneurs. The Grant & Loan Fund has three distinct components: 1) general operating support grant funding, 2) a non-extractive loan product provided by Seed Commons, and 3) cooperative specific business and technical assistance during the program provided by Uptima Business Bootcamp. The Grant & Loan Fund will provide \$125,000 in general operating support grants of up to \$25,000 each to five creative industry cooperative enterprises. They encourage applications from cooperative enterprises at their early stage (i.e., there is a commitment to starting the cooperative or the cooperative is newly incorporated) or early stage growth (i.e., still a young cooperative with an opportunity to realize new growth with additional capital). Although not a condition of eligibility, they are seeking opportunities wherein a combination of a \$25,000 grant from CCI, a loan from Seed Commons (terms to be customized to awardees' potential), and technical assistance from Uptima would be catalytic in the cooperative's further development. (Deadline to apply is October 5th.)~~

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- [Council of Fashion Designers of America \(CFDA\) A Common Thread](#) - ~~“Fashion-industry firms facing severe Covid-19-related financial hardship can seek help from A Common Thread, a reboot of the CDFA/Vogue Fashion Fund created after 9/11. Grants of up to \$100,000 are available to businesses with no more than 30 employees and less than \$10 million in revenue. A second round of applications runs from April 20 to May 3. Michael Kors and Ralph Lauren are among the fund's donors.”~~ via [International Business Times](#) (As of 5/4, no longer accepting applications)
- [C3Lab COVID-19 Resource Center](#) ¹ - C3Lab is a culturally creative community dedicated to supporting the arts and artists everywhere. They have created a comprehensive, updated list of funding resources and more for creatives.
- [Center for Craft Craft Futures Fund](#) - ~~The Craft Futures Fund will support craft communities throughout the United States and their creative responses to COVID-19. These one-time, unrestricted grants of \$5,000 will be disbursed to craft-based education projects that seed resilience, foster community, and amplify impact. The Craft Futures Fund will fund up to \$30,000 each month from May 2020 – October 2020 to support craft-based education projects. These one-time, unrestricted grants of \$5,000 will be disbursed to craft-based education projects that envision and build new futures for craft. (Interest form closed October 1)~~

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- [CERF+ COVID-19 Relief Grant](#)³ - CERF+ — the Artists Safety Net is launching a third round of COVID-19 Relief Grants. The \$1,000 grants are for artists working in craft disciplines who are facing dire circumstances due to food, housing, and/or medical insecurities as a result of the ongoing pandemic. The third cycle will begin accepting applications on January 13th, and will close on February 3rd, 2021. Priority will be given to Black, Indigenous, People of Color and folk and traditional artists. See website for eligibility guidelines. (Closed on February 3rd, 2021)
- [Crew Nation Fund](#) - The Crew Nation fund is here to help support live music crews who have been directly impacted as shows are put on pause due to COVID-19. In order to provide assistance to those who have already experienced some financial impact due to this intermission, they will be accepting applications in phases based on when shows were originally scheduled to play. Applications are now open for anyone who has been financially impacted from concerts originally scheduled to take place in July, August or September 2020. The deadline to submit an application is October 11. (application closed)
- [Dear Soul Music \(DSM\) Micro-Grants](#) - DSM will award micro-grants (\$100-\$250) to music artists with projects that could use a little boost during these challenging times. Selections will be made on an ongoing basis April 2020-June 2020. (Applications closed)
- [Dramatists Guild Foundation Emergency Grants](#)³ - DGF provides emergency financial assistance to individual playwrights, composers, lyricists, and librettists in dire need of funds due to severe hardship or unexpected illness. Applications will be processed based on severity of need.

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- [Early Music America Relief Fund](#) - Micro grants for musicians who derive much of their income from early music/historical performance. (applications have closed)
- [Economic Hardship Reporting Project](#) - The Economic Hardship Reporting Project (EHRP) is a nonprofit organization that produces compelling journalism to raise awareness about income inequality and economic unfairness in America. The EHRP is offering grants to independent journalists for stories on the intersection of the coronavirus and financial suffering in America, with an emphasis on writers and photographers who are themselves experiencing significant economic hardship caused by the pandemic. EHRP is also offering emergency hardship grants between \$500-\$1500 to professional journalists based in the United States. (The emergency hardship grants program is currently paused).
- [Emerging Artist Initiative Relief Fund](#) - Eligibility requirements: You are under 30 (OR) within three years of receiving a degree or certification (OR) within three years of beginning work as an arts professional. You are involved in making art (from any discipline) happen, whether you create or administrate. You, as a creative, have been displaced as a result of COVID-19: cancelled internship, apprenticeship, events, performances, readings, exhibitions, fairs, and any other arts position (OR) You lost a "survival job" outside of the arts or experienced a significant reduction in hours. You are in dire financial need. You can't pay your monthly expenses/bills for the next two months, such as rent, groceries, healthcare, or other "survival" expenses. Application closes July 23rd. (Application has closed)

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- [Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund](#) - A 501c3, Equal Sound is dedicated to the idea that all music is created equal. Equal Sound curates experiences that illuminate the threads between classical music and other genres to attract and engage new audiences from all musical worlds. The Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund was set up on short notice to provide direct financial assistance to musicians who have lost work as a result of Corona-related event cancellations. (Applications have closed)
- [Field of Vision Documentary Freelancer Relief Fund](#) - Field of Vision and Topic Studios have created a \$250,000 fund to provide grants for freelancers working in the Documentary field. The fund will distribute unrestricted grants of up to \$2000 to support personal financial needs during the COVID19 pandemic to freelancers who have experienced hardship from loss of income or opportunity as a result of the pandemic. The fund will be open for a final round of applications from June 10th from 9am ET until June 12th at 6pm ET or until they reach 500 applications. (Applications have closed)

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- [Foundation for Contemporary Arts 2021 Emergency Grants Application](#)- Created in 1993 to further FCA's mission to encourage, sponsor, and promote work of a contemporary, experimental nature, Emergency Grants provide urgent funding for visual and performing artists who: Have sudden, unanticipated opportunities to present their work to the public when there is insufficient time to seek other sources of funding, Incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects close to completion with committed exhibition or performance dates. Emergency Grants is the only active, multi-disciplinary program that offers immediate assistance of this kind to artists living and working anywhere in the United States, for projects occurring in the U.S. and abroad. Each month FCA receives an average of 95 Emergency Grant applications and makes approximately 12-15 grants. Grants range in amount from \$500 to \$2,500, and the average grant is now \$1,600. They recommend that artists review all of their eligibility guidelines and FAQs before applying. You may also complete our [Eligibility Questionnaire](#), but please note that the questionnaire is not a substitute for a thorough review of program guidelines. Ends on December 13, 2021
- [Freelance Artist Resource Producing Collective](#) ¹- The Freelance Artist Resource Producing Collective is a short term intervention that gathers and amplifies efforts and ideas that secure freelance artists' livelihood and centers their humanity in the immediate present, while preparing the U.S. arts and culture field for a radically equal, inclusive, anti-racist, and progressive future. This organization has collected a number of emergency funding resources for artist and arts organizations.

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- [The Freelance Audio Fund](#) - The Freelance Audio Fund was established to provide emergency relief to the professional audio community impacted by COVID-19. Priority will be given to Individual freelance audio professionals who work as reporters, producers, editors and engineers. (No longer accepting applications)
- [Freelances Relief Fund: Theatre Designers](#) - Theatre Communications Group (TCG) and TheFrontOffice (an entertainment development company founded in 2019 by director, Wendy G. Goldberg) have partnered to create the Freelancers Relief Fund: Theatre Designers providing a limited number of rapid response grants of \$1,000 each for scenic, lighting, costume, sound and projection designers who have had theatre employment within January 2019 - March 2020. For full eligibility, visit website. The Freelancers Relief Fund online application portal will go live Monday, December 7th, 2020 2:00pm EST and will go offline once 100 applications are received OR by Friday, December 11th, 2020 5:00pm EST, whichever comes first. (Applications are closed)
- [Maurice Sendak Emergency Relief Fund](#) - The Maurice Sendak Foundation has seeded a program that will provide one-time grants of up to \$2,500 to children's picture book artists and writers. The program is open to children's picture book artists and writers over the age of 21 in the United States and territories. Funds will be awarded to eligible applicants in the order in which applications are received, and will close once 600 applications are received. (Applications closed)

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- [National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures \(NALAC\): Actos de Confianza Relief Grants](#) - NALAC, in collaboration with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Intercultural Leadership Institute partners, offers the Actos de Confianza relief effort to support Latinx artists and arts organizations who have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. NALAC will distribute \$2,500 grants to Latinx artists and cultural workers and \$5,000 grants to Latinx arts organizations facing critical financial emergencies. Eligible North Carolina artists and organizations can apply beginning March 3rd. Deadline to apply is March 17, 2021 (closes 11:59PM CT).
- [National Endowment for the Arts COVID-19 Resources for Artists and Arts Organization](#) ¹ - A comprehensive listing of organizations providing frequently updated news and resources for artists and arts organizations.
- [North Carolina Arts Council Artist Opportunities](#) ¹ - A weekly updated list of current opportunities for North Carolina Artists. Includes both COVID-19 related funding and other non-COVID funding and work opportunities.
- [PEN America Writers' Emergency Fund](#) - ~~PEN America will distribute grants of \$500 to \$1,000 based on applications that demonstrate an inability to meet an acute financial need, especially one resulting from the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. To be eligible, applicants must be based in the United States, be a professional writer, and be able to demonstrate that this one-time grant will be meaningful in helping them to address an emergency situation. The Writers' Emergency Fund is intended to assist fiction and non-fiction authors, poets, playwrights, screenwriters, translators, and journalists. (Available funds will soon be exhausted, and they will be pausing acceptance of new applications as of February 23, 2021.)~~

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- [Poetry Foundation Emergency Grant Fund](#) - The emergency fund is open to poetry organizations and organizations that use poetry as an expression of their missions, located in the United States. This includes organizations fighting for social justice and working to advance racial equity in poetry and affiliated art. One-time emergency grants will be awarded in the range of \$5,000–\$20,000, determined by organizations' annual budgets and requested funds. The application period closes on March 31, 2021, with two awarding dates: January 31, 2021 and March 31, 2021.
- [Recording Academy MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - Music industry professionals may apply for grants up to \$1000 to compensate for cancelled work that was scheduled and lost. (Funds have run out).
- [SAG-AFTRA Foundation: COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - The COVID-19 Relief Fund supports SAG-AFTRA members who are in an emergency financial crisis related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) to cover basic expenses such as rent, mortgage, utilities, medical bills and other essential needs. SAG-AFTRA members are eligible to apply to the Fund if they are currently active and paid up on their dues through October 2019.
- [Spoonflower Small Business Grant](#) - The Spoonflower Small Business Grant supports handmade business owners worldwide and at all stages of development. Whether you want to prepare for your next craft fair, experiment with a new product, or just get your business off the ground, we encourage you to apply. Recipients will receive an award of Spoonflower credit to digitally print custom fabric and wallpaper for their creative pursuits. Application deadline is August 15. (Applications Closed)

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- [Sweet Relief COVID-19 Fund](#) - Sweet Relief is here to provide immediate assistance and they have created this DONOR-DIRECTED FUND with a limited amount of funds available to be used specifically for musicians and music industry workers affected by the Coronavirus. Funds raised will go towards medical expenses, lodging, clothing, food and other vital living expenses to those impacted due to sickness or loss of work. Those wishing to apply must provide the following: a completed Sweet Relief Application and submit a form at the bottom of their Request Assistance page, supplementary documentation proving that at least 50% of all income comes from working within the music community, proof of cancellations and bookings and/or relevant medical documentation
- [We Need Diverse Books Emergency Fund for Diverse Creatives in Children's Publishing](#)- We Need Diverse Books™ is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and a grassroots organization of children's book lovers that advocates essential changes in the publishing industry. Our aim is to help produce and promote literature that reflects and honors the lives of all young people. The emergency fund will provide financial aid to diverse authors, illustrators, and publishing professionals who have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 11/30 Update: The fund has begun accepting applications once more.

Small Business- Restaurant/ Service Sector Funding

Funding resources for restaurants, their employees, and individuals involved in the service-sector including childcare, salons, restaurants, and the "gig economy". Closely review eligibility requirements and application dates.

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- [American Farmland Trust Farmer Relief Fund](#)³ - ~~AFT's Farmer Relief Fund will award farmers with cash grants of up to \$1,000 each to help them weather the current storm of market disruptions caused by the coronavirus crisis. Initially, eligible applicants include any small and mid-size direct-market producers. These are defined as producers with annual gross revenue of between \$10,000 and \$1 million from sales at farmers markets and/or direct sales to restaurants, caterers, schools, stores, or makers who use farm products as inputs. Application available in English and Spanish. (Applications closed April 23).~~
- [Another Round, Another Rally Fund](#)³ - Another Round Another Rally supports hospitality workers who lost their jobs or had their hours slashed in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. Support is provided through the following programs: The Nolet Family USA Relief Program offers relief in the form of eVouchers to nationwide retailers to help supplement groceries and other much needed essentials for those currently out of work that were employed by a bar or restaurant with a full liquor license. Radical Xchange Charitable Gifts for Black Mental Health Relief provide mental health relief to Black hospitality workers in need.
- [Beauty Changes Lives Relief Grants](#) - ~~These \$1,000 grants will provide financial assistance to beauty professionals or students of beauty programs, whose lives have been drastically changed by the mandated closures in response to COVID-19. Available to beauty professionals and students who are unemployed and cannot maintain their regular income during this time, these one-time \$1,000 grants will be distributed directly to the applicant to provide temporary financial relief. (COVID Grant Applications have closed but there are also additional scholarships available [here](#).)~~

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- [Child Care Services Association COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - ~~Child Care Services Association (CCSA), in collaboration with North Carolina's Smart Start network and CCR&Rs, have joined together to create the CCSA COVID-19 Relief Fund for child care programs. The CCSA COVID-19 Relief Fund is now accepting applications for Phase II. Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, depending on the magnitude of the expressed needs and the number of qualified applicants awarded. Programs that applied in Phase I may apply for Phase II. Proposals must be submitted via email and received by 5:00 p.m. ET on August 12, 2020. Proposals received after the deadline will be disqualified. (applications have closed)~~
- [Eater List of Relief Funds for Restaurants, Bars, and Food Service Workers](#)¹ - A listing of nonprofits and other grassroots organizations nationwide who are providing support, including financial support for restaurants and food service workers.
- [Fit Pro Relief Fund](#) - ~~The Fit Pro Relief Fund will be offering grants as soon as possible to fitness professionals who are in severe financial hardship. Because there are limited funds, selections will be made at random for those who meet the prescribed criteria. Approximately 500 applicants who meet the criteria will receive on average \$1,000 each to help meet their immediate needs. Awards will be limited to one grant per person. To be eligible the following criteria must be met: Five years as a personal trainer or group exercise instructor, either part-time or full-time, Up-to-date certification as a personal trainer or group exercise instructor, Your income has been severely affected by COVID-19, You have not received any form of government or employer-based financial help (i.e. unemployment, severance, etc). (Applications are closed)~~

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- [Golden Rule Charity](#) - ~~Golden Rule Charity provides grants and financial assistance to individuals working in the hospitality industry. To qualify for a grant, you must be employed in a restaurant/hospitality establishment for 6 months. You must apply no later than 6 months after onset of need. Grants will only be awarded to applicants who currently (or at the time of injury or illness) work at least part time. Grant payments will not be made directly to the applicant; expenses will be paid directly to vendors. For example, if you are approved, we would pay rent for the approved amount directly to your landlord (pending verification) or management company, electric bill would be paid directly to the power company. (applications are currently on hold)~~
- [Hairdressers at Heart](#) - ~~Licensed professional hairstylists and nail techs to salon owners and educators, can apply to receive one of 200 relief checks totaling up to \$1,000 each to assist in their pandemic relief and recovery. (application removed from website)~~
- [James Beard Foundation](#) ¹ - ~~The James Beard Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to celebrate, nurture, and honor chefs and other leaders making America's food culture more delicious, diverse, and sustainable for everyone. They have compiled an updated list of resources for businesses and individuals in the restaurant industry impacted by COVID-19 including guides, webinars, funding resources, and more. (Due to an overwhelming response within hours of opening, the Foundation has suspended the application for the JBF Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund at this time. JBF will notify their audiences if the application is going to reopen.)~~

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- [National Trust for Historic Preservation / American Express Backing Historic Small Restaurants Grant Program](#) - This grant will award \$1 million in grants to 25 historic and culturally significant restaurants throughout the United States to help them improve, upgrade, and preserve their exterior physical spaces and online businesses. The program has a preference for restaurants owned by underrepresented groups, including People of Color and women, disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. It will be administered by the National Trust. The restaurant must have contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community for at least 25 years. See website for additional eligibility criteria. (All nominations are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 9, 2021.)
- [One Fair Wage Service Worker Emergency Fund](#) ³ - The One Fair Wage campaign is fighting to end unjust sub-minimum wages in America. One Fair Wage is providing cash assistance to restaurant workers, delivery drivers, or Uber/Lyft drivers who have been affected by coronavirus and the economic downturn.
- [Professional Beauty Association](#) - The PBA COVID-19 Relief Fund will provide \$500 to licensed beauty professionals who are unable to work due to COVID-19. The funding, if awarded to you, is intended to be emergency aid for short-term immediate needs such as food and bills. Funds are limited to donations in hand and they expect to receive an overwhelming number of applications. The PBA has also collected additional financial resources and information [here](#).

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- [Restaurant Opportunities Centers United](#) - Restaurant Opportunities Centers United is providing resources and financial assistance to restaurant workers impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Resources include financial assistance for restaurant workers as well as listing of national, state, and local relief resources. (As of 4/29, applications have been paused. Individuals are encouraged to check back for updates.)
- [Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation \(RWCF\)](#) ^{1, 3}- RWCF is working to collect information and links to resources that will help restaurants and workers deal most effectively with the COVID-19 Emergency. Includes links out to resources for members of the [undocumented community](#).
- [Samuel Adams and Greg Hill Foundation Restaurant Strong Foundation](#)- Samuel Adams and The Greg Hill Foundation are bringing the successful Restaurant Strong Fund to 20 total states to aid the restaurant workers impacted by the Covid-19 closures. Following the success of the Massachusetts launch in mid-March, Samuel Adams is donating over \$2,000,000 to kickstart funding in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont. Open to full-time employees (Minimum of 30 hours total per week, can be multiple restaurants), employed for 3 month or longer at the same location, and worked in a restaurant, bar, cafe, or nightclub located in one of the eligible states (North Carolina is eligible). (Applications have closed. Check the website for any updates.)

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- [Southern Smoke Emergency Relief Fund](#) - To qualify for emergency relief funding you must have worked in the food and beverage industry for a minimum of 6 months and an average of 30 hours per week minimum. Every applicant must show proof of such employment, so please have paycheck stubs and/or W2s available. Examples of need include medical bills, a car accident, weather catastrophes, family support assistance, and mental health needs.
- [United States Bartenders' Guild Bartender Emergency Assistance Program](#) - ~~A grant relief program for bartenders or the spouses or children of bartenders impacted by the loss of work due to COVID-19. Grant awards are currently between \$150- \$500. Application closes June 15th.~~ (Applications closed)

Small Business- Women & Minority Funding

Funding made available specifically to women and minority owned businesses. Closely review eligibility requirements and application dates.

- [Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Fund](#) - Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Fund, which supports BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) artists & arts administrators impacted by COVID-19 through \$200 microgrants.
- [Association for Enterprise Opportunity \(AEO\) Innovation Meets MainStreet Small Business Grant](#) - ~~This grant is to help black-owned women businesses impacted by the COVID-19 and civil unrest. The grant can be used to help Black-owned women businesses with layoff aversion, covering operational costs, paying rent, and connecting with customers. Grants are \$10,000 and will be made to 63 small businesses across the country. Application deadline is September 25, 2020.~~ (Application closed)

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- [Bloom Fund Small Business Grant](#) - The award provides direct support to people of a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) culture. Our Small Business grant round is for small businesses with a focus on working to solve, help or increase awareness for a socially good cause. They have extended their application deadline to May 17, 2020 due to COVID-19 to give small business owners more time to apply. (Applications have closed)
- [Caress - IFundWomen of Color Dreams to Reality Fund Program](#) - Through the Caress Dreams to Reality Fund, 150 diverse founders will receive a \$1000 grant and a coaching scholarship to execute successful crowdfunding campaigns. Program Criteria: woman of color-owned business, must be located in the U.S., must have annual revenue of \$10K or more, must have been in business for at least 12 months, and must have a compelling digital presence and supporting media. (Applications will be accepted through November 13, 2020 11:59 PM EST.)
- [Cartier Women's Initiative Award](#) - The Cartier Women's Initiative Award offers \$100,000 for first place and \$30,000 for two runners-up from each region. This award is open to women entrepreneurs both inside and outside the United States. They choose 21 women entrepreneurs for awards, with three finalists per region. The regions are: Latin America & the Caribbean, North America, Europe, Sub Saharan Africa, Middle East and North Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Oceania. Each finalist gets to attend the INSEAD Social Entrepreneurship 6-Day Executive Program (ISEP) and can also participate in workshops on entrepreneurship, business coaching seminars, and be exposed to networking opportunities. THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021 EDITION WILL OPEN ON JUNE 4, 2020 AT 2 PM CEST AND CLOSE ON JULY 31, 2020 AT 2 PM CEST. (Application has closed)

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- [Coalition to Back Black Businesses](#) - ~~The Coalition to Back Black Businesses is a multi-year initiative to support Black small-business owners and the communities they serve as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and chart a path forward. Through the Coalition, American Express, the National Black Chamber of Commerce, National Business League, U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., Walker's Legacy, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, will work together over the next four years to provide \$10 million in grants, training, and resources to empower Black-owned small businesses in distressed communities that have long been struggling with economic growth. From 2020 through 2023, they will distribute \$5,000 grants to more than 250 applicants each fall. To express your interest, you will only need to complete our streamlined application form below before 11:59 PM EDT on September 21, 2020. After September 21, each applicant will be computer-assigned a random number, and 250 businesses will be selected as finalists. Additional applicants may be chosen for the waitlist. Finalists will receive a more comprehensive online application form that will require your business's W-9 form, Employee Identification Number (EIN), and other basic supporting information, including qualitative questions about your business. You will have one week to submit the finalist application from when it is received. (Application is closed)~~

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- [Comcast Rise](#) - Comcast RISE was created to invest in the success of these critical businesses by providing valuable and practical support. Selected businesses could receive one or more of the following business services through Effectv, the advertising sales division of Comcast, and Comcast Business, a leading provider of technology for businesses of all sizes: ~~CONSULTING~~-Advertising and marketing consultations with local Effectv marketing, research, and creative teams to gain insights on how to grow your business.; ~~MEDIA~~-A linear TV media schedule, over a 90-day period; ~~CREATIVE PRODUCTION~~-turnkey production of a 30-second TV commercial, plus a media strategy consultation and 90-day media placement schedule.; ~~TECHNOLOGY MAKEOVER~~-computer equipment and Internet, voice and cybersecurity services for 12 months, to support business recovery while implementing other Comcast small business initiatives. (Taxes and other fees may still apply for tech makeover services.); ~~MONETARY GRANT~~-to be launched November 24, 2020. More information coming soon! Beginning November 24, 2020, all Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) business owners will be eligible to apply for Comcast RISE. (Deadline to apply is February 7th.)
- [Doonie Fund from DigitalUndivided](#)- The Doonie Fund makes small micro-investments (less than \$500) in Black women entrepreneurs. DigitalUndivided's mission is to foster economic growth and empowerment in communities through training and supporting Black and Latina women entrepreneurs. (application link no longer available)

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- [The Everygirl's Women-Owned Business Grant powered by La Marca Prosecco](#) ² - ~~Four \$5000 grants will be awarded to women who own small businesses or are pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors. Applications are open to the public—eligibility requirements are listed on the website. The four awardees will receive \$5000 in business funding, as well as exposure through theeverygirl.com and The Everygirl's social media channels. Deadline October 11. (application closed)~~
- [Facebook Small Business Grants Program for Black-Owned Businesses](#) - ~~In order to apply and receive a grant from Facebook, your business must meet the following criteria: be a majority Black-owned for-profit business, be legally registered in a US State or the District of Columbia (US territories are excluded), have between 1 and 50 employees, have been in business for over a year, have experienced challenges from COVID-19, and plan to use the grant funds to support the business and community. Prior Facebook Small Business Grants Program applicants may re-apply, but prior grant recipients are ineligible. You do not have to use Facebook Inc. products to be eligible. The business owner must be at least 18 years old. (Deadline to apply is Monday, August 31, 2020 at 9:00 PM EDT / 6:00 PM PDT.)~~
- [Hennessy Unfinished Business Program](#) - ~~This program by Hennessy provides immediate relief and long-term support to Black, Asian, and Latinx small-business owners. Completed forms will be processed in the order they are received, and reserves will be used as deemed appropriate by the community partners. For full application details visit website. (Deadline to apply is November 23rd.)~~

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- [HerSuiteSpot HerRise Micro Grant](#) –Entrepreneurs who own businesses that meet the following criteria may apply for funds: business is 100% owned by women of color, been in business at least 2 years, business is currently registered in the US, business sales revenue above \$25K annually, business was impacted by covid19, had to make changes or needs funding to reopen, non-profits, franchise, direct seller, authorized reseller or independent consultant not eligible. (Deadline to apply is Aug 31st)
- [iFundWomen & Visa Grant Program for Black Women-Owned Businesses](#) - Visa has extended its partnership with IFundWomen to support Black women-owned small businesses in the United States through a new grant program and educational resources. These grants provide an opportunity for recipients to grow their businesses and continue to offer much needed services to their local (and global) communities. Applications are being accepted from June 30, 2020 through July 31, 2020. Through this program, Visa is committed to providing Black women entrepreneurs with access to the capital, coaching and connections they need to grow their businesses during this challenging time. Ten (10) qualified recipients will each be awarded a \$10K grant + a 1-year IFundWomen Annual Coaching Membership. (Applications are closed)

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- [The Institute RetoolNC Program](#) - The RETOOLNC program will help address the challenges that certified NC HUBs and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms are facing as they work to recover from the pandemic. Funded at \$12 million, the HUB Small Business Impact Grant Program (RETOOLNC) will be administered by the Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB Office) in partnership with the Carolina Small Business Development Fund (CSBDF) and the North Carolina Institute for Minority Economic Development (the Institute). RETOOLNC Applications Reopened for One Week Only. December 9 – 16, 2020. The Institute is pleased to reopen our RETOOLNC portal for additional applications for business names beginning A-K on December 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and ending December 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Please make sure you upload ALL required documents with your application. Any incomplete applications will not be considered. Businesses beginning with L through Z should submit their application through the [Carolina Small Business Development Fund](#). (The application has closed)

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- [James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Investment Fund for Black and Indigenous Americans](#) - The James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Investment Fund for Black and Indigenous Americans to provide financial resources for food or beverage businesses that are majority-owned by Black or Indigenous individuals. These grants are part of our Open for Good campaign, launched in April to rebuild an independent restaurant industry that is stronger, more equitable, more sustainable, and more resilient when it re-opens post-COVID-19. To qualify for funding, a food or beverage business must be (i) independently owned with 50 or fewer full- or part-time employees as of February 15, 2020, or (ii) a restaurant group in which each member restaurant had 50 or fewer full- or part-time employees on that date, and (iii) at least 51% owned by Black and/or Indigenous American(s). They define independently owned as food businesses that maintain full control of their business or group of businesses and do not have an affiliation with a parent company with different owners and/or operators; therefore, franchises are not eligible for this funding. The application period for the James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Investment Fund for Black and Indigenous Americans launches at 3 P.M. ET on Monday, January 11, 2021 and will stay open for 10 business days until 3 P.M. ET on Friday, January 22, 2021.
- [Ladies Who Launch Launch Program ²](#) - Through this program, selected applicants will receive a cash grant between \$5,000 and \$25,000 USD depending on business stage and need. But the funding is just the beginning. Being accepted into the Launch Program means being a part of a year-long program dedicated to supporting you throughout these challenging times and helping your business get back on track. Applications due September 1st, 2020. (Applications closed).

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- [The Mansa Fund](#) - The Mansa Fund makes micro investments in Black & Latinex small businesses.
- [Minority Business Development Agency Grants and Loans](#) ² - This U.S. Department of Commerce Agency provides a list of current MBDA grant competitions and opportunities.
- [Moms as Entrepreneurs](#) - ~~This fund is designed to help support those who have been shut out of government loans or other funding during the Covid-19 pandemic. Grants of \$500-\$1,000 will be given to mom-owned businesses in all industries, and applications will be accepted beginning May 18, 2020. To qualify for grant money, businesses must: be solely owned by a mother, have not received any other funding relating to Covid-19 relief, have had business sales decline by 40 percent or more due to the pandemic commit to supporting another mom-owned business with 10% of their grant funding. This support can be in the form of purchasing supplies or services from another mom-owned business or donating this portion back to the Fund. (Submissions have closed)~~
- [THE NDN COVID-19 Response Project](#) ³ - ~~NDN Collective stands in solidarity with Indigenous artists, entrepreneurs and small businesses who are uniquely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic—health crisis. The NDN COVID-19 Response Project is designed to provide rapid response resources to Indigenous artists, entrepreneurs and small businesses bracing from economic contractions and stresses to their daily business operations, solvency and future growth. The Artist and Entrepreneur Fund will provide grants of up to \$5,000 to ease these current hardships in this time of economic uncertainty. (No longer accepting applications)~~

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- [Pace Impact Project](#)- ~~The Pace Impact Project Program will select up to four entrepreneurs and small businesses to share their marketing expertise with and help them develop their social media presence. Pace will work with the selected businesses to harness the power of social media to create a campaign that will measurably impact the chosen businesses and their bottom lines, whether it is generating awareness, increasing consideration from new customers or converting engaged customers. Pace will also teach the businesses selected for the Pace Impact Project how to measure and continue their social media efforts thereafter. Each company's social media campaign will include a social media calendar and a recommended cadence of posts. Ideal small business candidates will have the following characteristics: multicultural, LGBTQ+, woman, veteran, disabled or otherwise underrepresented founder or co-founder, located within one of the Pace communities (Greensboro, NC; New York, NY; San Antonio, TX), and a commitment to working with Pace team members and providing business information relevant to creating a meaningful social media campaign. (Deadline to apply is December 1st.)~~
- [Poise Bounce Back Grants](#) - ~~Poise® Brand is awarding 30 individual grants of \$15,000 to help female entrepreneurs bounce back from financial hardships they've experienced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, 10 of which have already been filled. Now through June 30, Poise Brand is accepting applications for 20 additional grants supporting woman-owned businesses. (applications have closed)~~
- [Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund](#) - ~~This fund is for queer writers of color only, not organizations or nonprofits, who are in need of financial assistance right now. (applications are paused)~~

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- [Reclamation Ventures Wellness Relief Fund](#) – Reclamation Ventures is aware of the significant financial burden yoga studios and instructors are experiencing during the COVID-19 outbreak. To help, we've opened a grant opportunity to cover one month of missed revenue (up to \$2,500) for wellness spaces and wellness instructors that represent underestimated communities. Applications will be open until April 30. They will be reviewed and accepted on an ongoing basis to ensure we're delivering rapid responses and immediate support. (Closed April 30th)
- [Red Backpack Fund](#) - The Red Backpack Fund is an initiative started by The Spanx by Sara Blakely Foundation. The foundation donated \$5 million to GlobalGiving to establish the fund. GlobalGiving will be making at least 1,000 grants of \$5,000 each to female entrepreneurs in the U.S. to help alleviate the immediate needs and support the long-term recovery of those impacted by this crisis. The Red Backpack Fund application portal will next open from September 8-15. (Closed September 15)
- [SheaMoisture Community Initiatives & Minority Business Fund](#) - SheaMoisture will award minority-owned businesses that are finding creative ways to support their communities through COVID19. If you are a business who has a social impact mission and are doing something to support your community at this time SheaMoisture wants to hear from you.

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- [SOGAL Foundation](#) - SoGal Foundation has teamed up with Winky Lux, bluemercury, twelveNYC and Lively to make a small step towards progress by providing at least (3) \$10K and (6) \$5K cash grants to Black women or nonbinary entrepreneurs. Awardees will also receive tactical help navigating the fundraising environment at large so that they will have a more equitable opportunity at scaling the next billion dollar idea. They will also receive lifetime “ask-me-anything” access to the SoGal Foundation and SoGal Ventures teams. To qualify, you should: – self-identify as a Black woman or Black nonbinary entrepreneur– have a legally registered business– plan to seek investor financing in order to scale, now or in the future– have a scalable, high-impact solution or idea with the ambition to be the next billion dollar business. If this sounds like you, send a quick email to sogal@iamsogal.com with your name, the name of your business, and your business website. There is no need to include any additional information, as it will not be reviewed. Grantees will be chosen at random. Applications are rolling.
- [Southern Black Girls & Women's Consortium COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund](#) - ~~The Southern Black Girls and Women’s Consortium (SBCWC) is a collective of funders, activists and community leaders working to advance the movements for Black girls and women in the Deep South. We are offering an immediate funding opportunity to support Black girls and women and the people who rely on them. The SBCWC COVID-19 fund will rapidly deploy resources to organizations that support Black girls and women in the South that may be experiencing financial crisis or uncertainty due to the coronavirus outbreak. (No longer taking applications)~~

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- [Southern Vision Alliance's Frontlines Leaders Fund COVID-19 Community Response Grants](#) - These are small grants of up to \$500 to neighborhood-based and local organizing efforts in response to COVID-19. Priority will be given to efforts led by workers, LGBTQ people, youth and students, Black people and people of color, rural communities, disabled people, migrants, and families. The opportunity is open to grassroots organizations, groups of individuals, and individuals. You do not need to be 501(c)3 or 501(c)3 sponsored but funds must be used in compliance with 501(c)3 guidelines. (They are taking a pause on accepting new COVID-19 applications)
- [Stacey's Rise Project](#) ² - The Stacy's Rise Project™ supports female-founded businesses through funding, mentorship and community. Applications for the 2020 Stacy's Rise Project™ are now open through June 1st.
- [WBENC COVID-19 Resource Center](#) ¹ - The Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) is the largest certifier of women-owned businesses in the U.S. and a leading advocate for women business owners and entrepreneurs. They have compiled a comprehensive resource guide, including funding opportunities, for women-owned small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- [WomensNet Amber Grant](#) ² - The Amber Foundation Grants began in 1998 to help women who are trying to start small businesses. Judges pick an Amber Grant winner each month. One of the 12 monthly winners will be awarded our \$25,000 Amber Grant at the end of 2020. There is a \$15.00 application fee.

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General information for small businesses impacted by COVID-19

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- [Boulton Creative Marketing Consultations](#) - Since 1991, Boulton Creative has been helping companies with their marketing efforts, and during this unprecedented period, we believe it is more important than ever to support one another any way we can. With this in mind, we are offering marketing advice sessions for businesses and organizations in hopes that in some small way we can assist our community and help keep our businesses strong. Boulton are offering 20 area businesses and non-profits in our community a FREE one hour consultation in the areas of branding, digital marketing and web development. Free hour-long virtual marketing sessions will be available to area business and non-profit organizations. Monday, June 1st – Friday, June 26, 2020, on a first-come-first-served basis. (No longer available).
- [Coronavirus and USDA Assistance for Farmers](#) - An updated page of resources, information, and support for farmers from the USDA.
- [Co Starters Recovery Guide](#) - From local strategy to proven tools, Co Starters is a membership platform that works to ensure every community is equipped with everything needed to help entrepreneurs succeed. They have curated a list of resources and funding opportunities to help small business and entrepreneurs rebuild and reimagine their business after COVID-19
- [Downtown Greensboro COVID-19 & Rebuilding Greensboro Resources](#) - A collection of resources, guides, and helpful information for small businesses.

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- [Elon Law's Small Business & Entrepreneurship Clinic COVID-19 Small Business Response Initiative](#) - Elon Law's Small Business & Entrepreneurship Clinic is expanding this spring to assist regional startups, nonprofits, and entrepreneurs in locating resources and navigating legal questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Clinic is a fully operational law office staffed by faculty-led Elon Law students who provide pro bono business-related legal services to entrepreneurs and small business owners in Greensboro and throughout Guilford County otherwise unable to afford legal representation. To qualify for free legal assistance, clients must meet certain income eligibility requirements for for-profit ventures and have five or fewer employees. Entrepreneurial businesses and nonprofits interested in services from Elon Law's Small Business & Entrepreneurship Clinic should contact businessclinic@elon.edu to schedule a consultation and to learn more about eligibility requirements. Please include "COVID-19" in the subject line of the email.
- [Facebook Shops](#) - Facebook Shops make it easy for businesses to set up a single online store for customers to access on both Facebook and Instagram. Creating a Facebook Shop is free and simple. Businesses can choose the products they want to feature from their catalog and then customize the look and feel of their shop with a cover image and accent colors that showcase their brand. This means any seller, no matter their size or budget, can bring their business online and connect with customers wherever and whenever it's convenient for them. Facebook has also compiled a number of resources for small businesses that their platform offers [here](#).
- [Forbes Magazine "Free Software that Businesses, Schools, and Others Can Use During the COVID-19 Crisis"](#) - A continually updated list of digital software and customer upgrades that businesses software and service companies are providing for free during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- [Greensboro Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Resources](#)- Comprehensive list of COVID-19 resources.
- [Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Scale to Excel Program](#) ^{1, 2} - The Greensboro Chamber has a new program, Scale to Excel, to work with minority-owned businesses as they expand their capacity. Scale to Excel is a seven-month program and curriculum that provides targeted capacity building information, mentoring, coaching, and networking for minority-owned businesses to accelerate their growth. The foundation for this new program lies in Interise's StreetWise MBA, a nationally recognized, award-winning curriculum. StreetWise MBA uses a peer learning method to provide business owners with the knowledge, know-how and networks necessary to grow and scale. The Scale to Excel program is a \$15,000 value offered by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce at no cost to participants. The inaugural cohort will begin in January 2021. [Applications are due January 8, 2021](#). More information at: greensboro.org/scale-to-excel
- [Google for Small Business](#)- Google for Small Business, a Grow with Google initiative, aims to help small business owners find the right Google products to help them succeed in today's digital economy. Businesses provide simple information — their name, website URL, goals, and type of business — and Google for Small Business will provide a prioritized list of Google products to help that business stand out online, reach more customers, and work more efficiently. Google for Small Business has created a resource page for small businesses impacted by COVID-19 that include information on Google tools to help move your business online.

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- [GTCC Small Business Center Reboot, Recover, and Rebuild \(R3\) Program](#)- ~~In direct response to the COVID-19 economic crisis, North Carolina's General Assembly passed H1043, providing grants to Small Business Centers with the express goal of providing free or low-cost counseling services to businesses negatively affected by the disaster. The R3 program, made possible by these grants, will provide free counseling, coaching, information and resources to local small business owners who are struggling to remain afloat or recover from the pandemic.~~(The Program is closed)
- [Guilford County Resources for Business](#) - This educational website provides safety information, checklists, and downloadable materials allowing you to tell your customers you're on board with helping maintain a Healthy Guilford. You can also add your business to our compliance database so customers and potential customers know you are taking steps to make sure everyone stays just a little safer.
- [Inc.'s Essential Business Survival Guide for the Covid-19 Crisis](#) - Inc.'s solutions center offers expert advice on handling panicked customers, interrupted supply chains, webinars, Zoom meetings, hyper kids, and a work environment that changes by the hour.
- [Inc.'s Essential Funding Guide for Entrepreneurs of Color](#)- Venture capitalists have voiced their support for Black founders since the killing of George Floyd. These investment firms--and some grantmaking institutions--are walking the walk.
- [Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\) Coronavirus Tax Relief](#) ³- The IRS has established a special section focused on steps to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the coronavirus. This page will be updated as new information is available. (6/5- weblink updated)

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- [North Carolina Bankers Association](#)- The North Carolina Bankers Association (NCBA) has been serving North Carolina's banking industry since 1897. The NCBA is the professional trade organization providing advocacy, leadership and support for its dynamic membership base. They have compiled a resource guide on pandemic planning for banks which will also be instructive for small business owners and nonprofits.
- [North Carolina Business & Employer COVID-19 Resources](#)- Tools and resources collected and distributed by the State of North Carolina for small businesses impacted by COVID-19, including information on executive orders.
- [NC Community College Small Business Centers](#)- There is a Small Business Center located at each of our state's 58 community colleges to help guide budding entrepreneurs through the steps of considering, planning, developing, opening, and operating a small business. They are providing a number of free webinars and virtual counseling for small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services](#)- Information & Recommendations for Businesses and Employers during COVID-19
- [North Carolina Military Business Center](#)- The North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) is a business development organization and a collaborative effort between North Carolina businesses and the North Carolina Community College System. Provides detailed information on federal contracting and bid opportunities and support for federal contractors impacted by COVID-19.

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- [North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center COVID-19 Small Business/Nonprofit Initiative](#) - The NC Pro Bono Resource Center's COVID-19 Small Business/Nonprofit Initiative is an opportunity for North Carolina's small businesses and non-profits who have suffered adversely from the impact of the COVID-19 crisis to receive free legal advice during a 45-minute remote consultation with a volunteer attorney. Potential clients must request an appointment in order to receive a phone-based or video-call consultation. Please complete the online form to request an appointment.
- [North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center \(SBTDC\)](#)- The SBTDC has helped North Carolina businesses grow and create new jobs since 1984. They provide management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses. Most of their services are free of charge, and all are confidential. They have collected a comprehensive resource website for small businesses impacted by COVID-19

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- [Operation PPE](#) - As COVID-19 concerns continue to challenge North Carolina businesses, a group of local and statewide partners have come together with the goal of supporting small businesses and organizations who are still navigating the impacts of the pandemic. Through generous donations from public and private sector partners, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM) has amassed a large assortment of personal protective equipment (PPE). After filling many resource requests from the counties and other state agencies with special priority to hospitals and Long Term Care facilities, NCEM is making PPE supplies available to small businesses in North Carolina, at no cost. Operation PPE will host five events across the state, and will officially launch with the first 2-day drive-thru event hosted by Raleigh's Big Boss Brewing Company in early February. Additional events and locations will be announced shortly thereafter with the goal of hosting potential additional events in Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Wilmington. Items available to small businesses, at no cost, include: face masks, face shields, touchless thermometers, hand sanitizer, and antibacterial soap. In order to assure enough supplies at each event, businesses are encouraged to indicate their desired quantities via the sign-up forms on the website prior to the respective event(s) at which they plan to attend. Note that the antibacterial soap comes in 1-gallon bottles. For additional information and/or media inquiries, please contact Persia Payne-Hurley, NCEM Private Sector Manager & BEOC Coordinator, via beoc@ncdps.gov.
- [Service Corps of Retired Executives \(SCORE\)](#)- For over 50 years, SCORE has served as America's premier source of free business mentoring and education. As a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), SCORE has helped more than 11 million entrepreneurs through mentoring, workshops and educational resources since 1964. SCORE continues to provide virtual meetings and specialized informational resources through their website.

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- [Stanford Graduate School of Business Library Guide to Covid-19's Impact on Business](#)- Useful resource which includes a number of recommendations for both businesses and nonprofits on conducting business during the pandemic.
- [US Chamber of Commerce Coronavirus Small Business Guide](#)- Created by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, this resources provides complete coronavirus coverage, updated daily with new resources to assist small businesses. Their "[Resilience in a Box](#)" is based on best practices and designed to educate business leaders on disaster preparedness and business resilience.
- [US Department of Labor Coronavirus Resources](#) ³- The U.S. Department of Labor has resources to help workers and employers prepare for the COVID-19 virus (also known as novel coronavirus).
- [UNC Innovate Carolina Office](#)-Provides updates, information, and resources for entrepreneurs impacted by COVID-19 that are available from organizations across the local region, state, and country.

Nonprofit Funding

Nonprofit- Funding Resource Guides

Compiled, updated listings of various funding sources including grants and loans.

- [Candid](#) ¹ - Through research, collaboration, and training, Candid connects nonprofits, foundations, and individuals to the resources they need to do good, building on 88 years of dedicated experience. Candid has created three dedicated websites for collecting and disseminating information on funding and support for nonprofits and small businesses.

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- [Instrumentl¹ Covid-19 Grants](#)- Founded in 2014, Instrumentl automates the grant search for nonprofits and academics. This is a daily updated list of Grants for 501c3 nonprofit organizations serving those impacted by the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). You DO NOT need a paid subscription to access this list
- [National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations](#)
¹ - NACEDA is an alliance of 40 state and regional community development associations in 25 states and the District of Columbia. Through their members, NACEDA connects with almost 4,000 community development nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. NACEDA has compiled a list of funding opportunities primarily for nonprofits.
- [North Carolina Center for Nonprofits Resource Guide](#) ¹ - In May 2020, the NC Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) and NC Center for Nonprofits (NCCN) launched a statewide survey of NC nonprofits and the impact of COVID-19. This is the [compilation of resources](#), which reflects common themes and questions that emerged from the survey responses. Over 2,000 people responded to the survey, which provided an informative picture of the sector during COVID-19, including experiences, needs, gaps, and opportunities. [Click here](#) for the survey analysis and a link to the [publicly available database](#), which includes thousands of written responses to open ended questions. Questions about the survey or resource information can be directed to nonprofitsurvey@osbm.nc.gov.

Nonprofit- Local, State, and Federal Funding

Funding resources for nonprofits made available from local, state, and federal authorities. Closely review eligibility requirements and application dates.

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- ~~[ArtsGreensboro Relief Grants FY 2021](#)~~ Eligibility for Application:
 - ~~Be an arts organization (i.e., 75% of activities are arts-based) not affiliated with a college, university, or governmental entity.~~
 - ~~Have IRS 501(c)3 tax status for the last three consecutive years.~~
 - ~~Have a minimum eligible income of \$50,000 for in FY2017, FY2018, and FY2019.~~
 - ~~Have at least one paid professional administrative staff on payroll for at least one year.~~
 - ~~Have continuous administration throughout the year.~~
 - ~~Must be an organization based in Greater Greensboro.~~
 - ~~Have NOT been awarded a Multicultural Grassroots Grant in the current calendar year.~~
 - ~~See website for further details.~~
 - ~~If applicants have questions or need assistance, please contact Grants Manager Darlene McClinton at (336) 279-7086 or grants@artsgreensboro.org.~~
 - Deadline February 25, 2021, 5:00 PM EST
- [FEMA Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Public Assistance Simplified Application](#)- FEMA may provide funding to eligible applicants for costs related to emergency protective measures conducted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Emergency protective measures are activities conducted to address immediate threats to life, public health, and safety. Eligible Applicants may submit funding requests to the Recipient and FEMA through the Public Assistance Grants Portal. Applicants: state, local, tribal and territorial governments, or eligible private nonprofits, submitting a request for assistance under a recipient's federal award. A Summary of the FEMA Public Assistance Reimbursement Process for Eligible Applicants can be found [here](#). The State's information page on FEMA Public Assistance for COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

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- [The Foundation For a Healthy High Point Fluid Strategic Grants](#) - In response to COVID-19, the Foundation for a Healthy High Point has established the Fluid Strategic Investment Program, which is intended to provide one-time grants to non-profit organizations serving the Greater High Point area to provide them with critical and flexible resources to weather, recover, and rebuild from the impact of COVID-19. For more information on the Fluid Strategic Investment Program, please click [here](#). 2020 deadlines for Fluid Strategic Grants: 3rd Quarter—August 1 & 4th Quarter—October 1 (4th Quarter Application closes October 1)
- [Guilford Co Economic Development & Tourism Non-Profit Organization Grant Program](#)- To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on non-profit agencies and organizations within Guilford County, Guilford County has initially identified and committed \$1 million dollars to provide support to non-profit organizations providing support to economic development, tourism and the economic recovery due to COVID-19. The objective of this program is to offer immediate financial assistance to non-profit organizations whose primary mission is to support economic growth and development, private investment and attract visitors and tourists to Guilford County venues, attractions, events and businesses. Please carefully read and review program eligibility criteria and sample application provided below. Frequently asked questions and answers are also provided. Those with additional questions may contact the Nonprofit Grant Program at GuilfordCARESNonprofit@guilfordcountync.gov. (Opportunity is now closed)

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- [Guilford CARES Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program](#) - To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Guilford County Nonprofits and their employees, and residents, Guilford County is providing emergency financial support through the Guilford CARES Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program that is targeted at qualified nonprofit agencies that are negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to Stay at Home Orders and to meet the needs in the community not addressed by other sources. The program will provide one-time grants of up to \$50,000 to help offset the significant, temporary service impacts of nonprofits during this pandemic. Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. In order to expedite issuance of funds applications will only be received using the online tool. Update 12/7 Announcement: The Funds for the Guilford County Nonprofit Assistance Grant have been fully Allocated. Only funds for the Nonprofit Cleaning Program are Available. (Program Closed)

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- [Main Street Lending Program](#)- On July 17, 2020, the Federal Reserve modified the Main Street Lending Program to support greater access to credit for nonprofit organizations such as educational institutions, hospitals, and social service organizations. As detailed in term sheets, the Board approved two new loan options to provide support to a broad set of nonprofit organizations that were in sound financial condition prior to the pandemic. The Main Street nonprofit loan terms generally mirror those for Main Street for-profit business loans, including the interest rate, principal and interest payment deferral, five-year term, and minimum and maximum loan sizes. Nonprofits will be eligible for two loan options, and the chart below has additional details on the final terms. Potential borrowers can familiarize themselves with the [program overview](#), review eligibility in the program [term sheets](#), and read the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) for Nonprofit Lending](#). All Main Street loan facilities are currently scheduled to terminate on Dec. 31, 2020. On November 25, 2020, FAQ L.13 was added to the Main Street Lending Program For-Profit Business FAQs and Nonprofit Organization FAQs to provide guidance with respect to termination of the Main Street facilities at the end of this year, advising that (i) lender registration should be initiated by December 4, 2020, (ii) eligible loans should be submitted to the Main Street Portal for participation by December 14, 2020, and (iii) the Main Street SPV will cease issuing commitment letters as of December 23, 2020. On December 29, in order to allow more time to process and fund loans that were initially submitted to the Main Street lender portal on or before December 14, 2020, the Federal Reserve Board and Secretary of the Treasury extended the termination date of the Main Street Lending Program to January 8, 2021. (The Main Street Lending Program has ceased purchasing participations in eligible loans.)

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- [NC Commerce Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief \(MURR\) Program](#) -
~~The N.C. Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief (MURR), administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, can provide up to \$20,000 in relief funds per qualifying business location. Business applicants from certain industry sectors that have not been able to operate during the COVID period may apply for up to two of their business locations. Applicants can apply for up to four months of mortgage interest or rent expenses, and utility expenses. The help offers relief for some of the fixed costs a business cannot easily control on its own. Applications to the program should open next week and will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Applicants must certify that they were closed during the period April 1 through July 31, 2020; they expect to be able to operate after the COVID crisis has passed; and they have not been reimbursed by any other federal source for the expenses for which they seek reimbursement through this program. See website linked above for eligibility criteria. Applications are open and being accepted applications for this assistance on a first come, first served basis. (As of 10/27 the MURR has been expanded to include nonprofit organizations). (11/13/20- The MURR Program can no longer accept any new applications)~~

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- [NC IDEA NC BEC ECOSYSTEM grant program](#)² - ~~The NC BEC ECOSYSTEM grant program is designed to: Identify (and support) partners doing inspired things to serve the entrepreneurial aspirations and economic potential of North Carolina's Black community; Encourage more organizations and individuals to support and participate in efforts to elevate Black entrepreneurship in North Carolina; Support and promote Black leadership of entrepreneurial support organizations. Better understand how we may (collectively) support more Black people in their ambition to start and build growth-oriented companies that will strengthen the economy of North Carolina; Provide a means for our organization to foster relationships, dialog and learning between all NC IDEA ECOSYSTEM and NC BEC ECOSYSTEM partners. The NC BEC ECOSYSTEM solicitation requires that proposals solely focus on helping Black entrepreneurs and growth-oriented Black-owned firms start and grow scalable businesses. It is not our intention to create funding dependencies with this grant program. This effort is intended to validate vital activities and demonstrate that continuing (supporting) those activities, beyond the period of the grant, would be in the interest of the communities served. It is also not our intention to indirectly provide COVID-19 relief funds via this grant program, as other entities in the state can better address those needs. We invite proposals from 501(c)(3) and for profit organizations within North Carolina that are in service to, or have programs specifically focused on, helping Black entrepreneurs and growth-oriented Black-owned firms start and grow scalable businesses. We are open to new programs and ideas that are being disruptive and driving change, as well as existing programs and initiatives. ALL grant dollars must be allocated toward specific programs and activities serving the Black entrepreneurial community of North Carolina. Deadline Nov 2. (application closed)~~

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- [The North Carolina Collaborative for Strong Latinx Communities](#) ^{2,3} -
~~The North Carolina Collaborative for Strong Latinx Communities (NCCSLC) is now accepting responses to their [RFP supporting](#) organizations or groups led by, serving, and accountable to Latinx people and communities with general operating support. The grant opportunity provides eligible organizations a one-year grant up to \$25,000 to support general operating expenses. (Deadline is October 29th)~~
- [Piedmont Business Capital \(PBC\) Small Business Continuity Fund](#)-
~~An emergency fund to provide low barrier access to capital to small businesses in Greensboro. (Applications have closed due to exceeding funding. Applications will be considered if additional funding is secured.)~~
- [Piedmont Business Capital Non-Profit and Social Enterprise Loan Fund](#) - Loan Amounts: \$5,000 – \$25,000. Guilford County only. Origination Fees Waived. Repayments will be deferred for the first 90-days. Exclusively for Nonprofits and Social Impact Businesses.
- [Small Business Administration](#) ³- Nonprofits are eligible for the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and programs in the CARES Act including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). EIDL loans are issued directly by the SBA and may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%. PPP are applied for directly through banks and lenders and are forgivable if used for salary and some overhead.

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- [United Way of Greater Greensboro](#)- ~~United Way of Greater Greensboro has created the COVID-19 Emergency Fund. The fund will provide financial resources to local nonprofit organizations which provide direct support to our community. The applying agency must be a local 501 (c)(3) organization providing services aligned with the priority areas to individuals directly impacted by the Coronavirus. All applicants will receive an automatic confirmation of submission after completing the application. (Applications are currently closed)~~
- [Women To Women Greensboro Grant Program](#)² - Women to Women makes strategic investments in programs that offer preventive strategies and/or proactive initiatives in one or more of the following focus areas that align with the organization's mission to empower women and children to create healthy families and vibrant communities: Education & Workforce, Hunger, Housing, and Health. To receive funds, your agency must: Have 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. Spend no more than 5% of your budget on legislative involvement. Apply to fund programs in Guilford County only. W2W does not fund organizations. Please note: W2W does not fund individuals, political action organizations, or endowment funds. See website for further eligibility and application details. Letter of intent due April 1.

Nonprofit- Misc. Funding

Funding and grant opportunities made available to a variety of 501(c)3 organizations. Closely review eligibility requirements and application dates.

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- [AfterSchool Alliance Aim High Grant Program](#)² - Aim High is part of the New York Life Foundation's ongoing investment in middle school Out of School Time programs to help economically disadvantaged eighth-graders reach ninth grade on time and prepared to succeed in high school. Since 2017, 96 Aim High grants totaling \$6.15M have been awarded. This competitive grant program is targeted to programs serving middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Organizations applying for funding may serve students outside of this grade range but grant funds are specifically for middle school youth. Applicants for this competitive grant program must have 501(c)(3) status. Applicants for this competitive grant program must serve a high percentage—at least 75 percent—of low-income youth. For the purposes of this grant program, “low-income” is defined as students who qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program (FRPL). The 2021 Aim High grant competition opened on December 15, 2020 and (the deadline for applications is February 1, 2021 at 5pm ET.)
- [AIDS United: Relief, Recovery and Resilience Fund](#) - AIDS United's Relief, Recovery and Resilience Fund is currently supporting nonprofit organizations that are experiencing challenges meeting the needs of people living with and at risk for HIV and AIDS because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus of the Fund is on access to HIV care, housing, food, etc. Grants of up to \$15,000 will be provided to nonprofit organizations in the southern U.S. states, as well as organizations nationwide that serve people who use drugs or communities of color, especially Black communities. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as long as funds are available. (All funds have been allocated)

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- [Alkermes COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - The Alkermes COVID-19 Relief Fund will support nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that address the comprehensive needs of people affected by addiction, mental health issues, or cancer. The Fund will focus on programs that address the challenges that patients, caregivers, and family members face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonprofit organizations NOT engaged in the practice of healthcare may apply. (Applications closed May 20th.)
- [America Walks Community Change Grant](#) ³ - America Walks and generous Active People, Health Nations partners are excited to announce another round of our popular Community Change Grant program. This program will award grantees \$1,500.00 in community stipends for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play. The goal for this year's grant awards is to knit together seemingly disparate threads too often considered in isolation, including, but not limited to; racism and the public sphere; climate and environmental justice; access and inclusion; walking and moving as a mechanism for bringing about political change; and how COVID-19, the need for economic recovery and a growing awakening around racial injustice might alter the landscape of our work. Our desire is for proposed projects to have a particular focus on engaging in key issues of the day with new perspectives and diverse partners/ audiences while highlighting the vital role that walking and transportation patterns can play in a new era. (Applications open October 5th and are due through submission of this form by November 9th at 5pm Eastern.)

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- [American Fundraising Foundation](#) - The American Fundraising Foundation continues to provide unrestricted funds through its virtual and live event sponsorships. You may contact them to see if your organization qualifies for our support. They have expanded the sponsorship opportunities for nonprofits this year and will be happy to present your organization to their Board of Directors for consideration. After receiving your information, one of their Development Directors will contact you to obtain additional information. In addition to the expanded grant program this year, AmFund will again accept applications for year-end grant consideration and funding opportunities into 2021 beginning October 27th, 2020. Please make sure you opt-in for email notifications or visit the [News Section](#) of their website for updates. (Application deadline is December 1, 2020.)
- [American Heart Association North Carolina Community Health Mini-Grant](#) ^{2,3} - Communities know their needs and often have ideas and solutions to improve the health of their community. The American Heart Association (AHA), in partnership Blue Cross Blue Shield NC, is partnering with and funding community leaders to implement their ideas through mini-grants to promote heart health in the Triangle (Wake, Durham, and Orange counties), Triad (Guilford and Forsyth counties), and Charlotte (Mecklenburg, Gaston, and Union counties). Community partners are eligible for mini-grants ranging from \$2,500-\$10,000 to support heart healthy policies and environments. Community members, including individuals, churches, senior centers, community health centers, housing authority, historically black colleges and universities, community colleges, city and county government, hospitals, employers, and others are welcome to apply. For more information and technical support: annie.thornhill@heart.org (Application Deadline: Thursday, November 12, 2020.)

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- [Association of American Educators COVID-19 Relief Scholarship & Grant Program](#) - ~~Awards are available for up to \$500 for educators who have been impacted by school closures or other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. Awards are available to all PreK-12, full-time educators who have not received a scholarship or grant from AAE in the past year. Applicants must be employed by a U.S. educational institution. Awards are competitive. AAE members receive additional consideration. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis. Reimbursement must be sought within one calendar year of being awarded. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. (The deadline is August 31, 2020.)~~
- [Bloom Fund Nonprofit Grant](#) - ~~The award provides direct support to people of a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) culture. Our Non-Profit grant round is for registered non-profits with a focus on working to solve, help or increase awareness for a socially good cause. The deadline to submit an application for the 2020 Small Business grant cycle is August 16, 2020 11:59PM Pacific. (Application Closed)~~
- [Bob Woodruff Foundation](#)- ~~The Bob Woodruff Foundation seeks to address the urgent needs of the military-veteran community during COVID-19. BWF is prioritizing grants from qualified 501(c)3 organizations whose priorities include emergency hunger and financial relief, housing support and homelessness prevention, and case management, including employment services for at-risk veterans. (The grant application deadline is January 12, 2021)~~

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- [Booz Allen Foundation: Innovation Fund](#) - The Innovation Fund is intended to help nonprofits, entrepreneurs, thought leaders, innovators at colleges and universities, and startups and small businesses harness the power of data, technology, and diverse intellectual capital to improve COVID-19 relief efforts. The focus is on solutions and projects that will build lasting community resilience through protecting vulnerable populations and frontline workers or providing for the safe return to work. Application deadline is June 5th. (Applications have closed)
- [Borealis Philanthropy Spark Justice Fund](#) - The Spark Justice Fund (SJF) is a donor collaborative at Borealis Philanthropy that supports grassroots organizing and advocacy groups to end the use of money bail in the criminal justice system, transform pretrial justice, and build power in communities most impacted by incarceration in the United States. The Fund is currently accepting applications from grassroots organizing groups working to end cash bail, transform pretrial justice, and build power in communities most impacted by incarceration for rapid response funding to meet the needs arising out of the current COVID-19 pandemic in jails and communities. Click the following links to download the [call for proposals](#), [read the application instructions](#), and [review the frequently asked questions](#). Deadline to apply is October 20th. (Application Closed)

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- [Center for Sharing Public Health Services 2020 Small Grants Program](#) - The Center for Sharing Public Health Services (the “Center”) is offering small grants to support work on cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) arrangements designed to advance health equity by addressing social determinants of health (e.g., affordable housing, jobs with fair pay, quality education, affordable healthy food and public safety), the public health response to COVID-19, structural racism or other related issues. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM CDT on September 11, 2020. Up to 5 awards will be made for an amount of up to \$10,000 for a project period of up to eight months. Shorter projects will be considered. All projects must be concluded by June 11, 2021. In addition to funding, Center staff will provide technical assistance tailored to each grantee’s needs. Grantees are expected to share the progress of their efforts during the project period, share results and lessons learned at the end of the project period and share longer-term activities and results 12 months after the project period ends. (Applications Closed).
- [Collective Future Fund Survivor Safety And Securing Democratic Futures Fund](#) - The purpose of the Survivor Safety and Securing Democratic Futures grants is to channel resources to Black-, Indigenous-, women-of-color-, queer-, trans-, nonbinary and gender non-conforming people-of-color-led organizations that are advancing safety and support through direct relief and organizing support to frontline workers and survivors of gender-based and state violence during the multiple crises that have been unfolding in 2020. Providing this funding will help organizations pivot and be nimble during these multiple crises, ensure safety and protections for survivors and impacted workers, encourage robust democratic participation amidst rising authoritarianism, and coordinate transnationally in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Deadline to apply is November 9, 2020 by 10 pm EST.)

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- [Duke Energy Social Justice and Racial Equity Grant Cycle ²](#) - This grant program will award \$25,000 grants for general operating funds to North Carolina nonprofits dedicated to the fight for social justice and racial equity. Grants will empower nonprofits that are led by, and provide services to, communities of color. North Carolina will hold a social justice and racial equity grant cycle annually for at least three years. Application period open July 15 – Aug. 31; grant decisions by Oct. 31. (Application deadline Aug 31)
- [Enterprise Community Emergency Action for Resident and Partner Stability](#)- In response to Covid-19, our Emergency Action for Resident and Partner Stability program is moving swiftly to ensure that vulnerable, low-income families and individuals can remain in their homes and access support during this crisis. This new Enterprise program offers nonprofit community partners a broad range of support, including: emergency grants to allow organizations to stay afloat through payroll support and other assistance, as well as meet the immediate needs (such as rent, utilities and resident services) for families and individuals they serve; immediate and long-term guidance on resilience planning and financial strategies, as well as other technical assistance and training to help community-based nonprofits remain viable; support to organizations seeking critical government relief funds and other interventions that can help address residents' and communities' needs. If you are an owner or operator of affordable housing and are interested in learning more about the program as it is launched, complete the inquiry form linked above.

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- [Freelance Artist Resource Producing Collective](#) ¹ - The Freelance Artist Resource Producing Collective is a short term intervention that gathers and amplifies efforts and ideas that secure freelance artists' livelihood and centers their humanity in the immediate present, while preparing the U.S. arts and culture field for a radically equal, inclusive, anti-racist, and progressive future. This organization has collected a number of emergency funding resources for artist and arts organizations.
- [Grantmakers for Girls of Color Love is Healing COVID-19 Response Fund](#) - The G4GC Love is Healing COVID-19 Response Fund seeks to support coalitions and organizations that have been fighting historical inequities and the marginalization of girls of color well before COVID-19. Priority areas for funding include the following areas targeting girls and gender expansive youth of Black/African American, Latinx, Indigenous/Native, Middle Eastern, and/or Asian Pacific descent: preventative or responsive health strategies (mental, physical, emotional), interventions to support institutionalized girls and gender expansive youth and survivors of gender-based violence, economic and educational response strategies, and COVID-19-related advocacy and immediate mapping needs. Applications are accepted by invitation only, [but interested organizations can submit an interest form for consideration](#). FAQs are available [here](#). (Survey Closed)

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- [Grassroots Exchange Fund Updated for COVID19](#) - Common Counsel's Grassroots Exchange Fund is a rapid response small grants program designed to support networking and collaboration between grassroots social change and environmental justice organizations throughout the United States. GXF prioritizes grants to small community-based groups seeking to meet face-to-face with other grassroots organizations, to build collaborative campaigns, and to benefit from technical assistance opportunities. The Fund typically makes grants to grassroots community-based organizations working on social, racial, economic, and environmental justice initiatives that give voice to the needs of low income people, women, youth, and people of color. Organizations are only eligible for one GXF grant annually. A typical GXF grant is \$1,000. Starting in June 2020, GXF grants will be distributed on a twice-monthly rolling cycle through November. Starting in June 2020, GXF grants will be distributed on a twice-monthly rolling cycle through November. (Program closed)

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- [The HartBeat of Main Street Grant Program](#) - In partnership with The Hartford, Main Street America have created a grant program to support brick and mortar businesses in commercial districts as they enter the next phases of reopening across the country. The HartBeat of Main Street Grant Program will fund solutions that help small business owners respond and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, and also help to revitalize and strengthen older and historic downtown commercial districts. Grants of \$5,000 to \$15,000 will be awarded on a competitive and first come, first served basis. A minimum of 50 percent of grants will benefit diverse-owned businesses, as defined by the Small Business Administration as minority, woman, veteran, disabled, and/or LGBTQ-owned. Grant applicants are not required to be customers of The Hartford. Applications will be weighed and grants awarded without consideration of applicant's being or not being a present, past, or prospective customer of The Hartford. Applications will be accepted beginning at 9am PT October 22, 2020 through 4:59 PM PT October 29, 2020. A link to the online application will be posted on [their program webpage](#) and social channels as soon as the application opens. In the meantime, you can review a [PDF version of the application here](#). (application closes October 29)
- [Islamic Relief USA COVID-19 Emergency Response](#) - Funding will be available to organizations seeking funding for programs in: Food Security, Healthcare (including personal protective equipment), Domestic Violence, Financial Assistance. Applications for a second round of funding will be an "open call" and will launch on Monday, May 11, 5pm Eastern. (The application deadline was Tuesday, May 19, at 11:59 pm Eastern.)

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- [JA Community Fund COVID-19 Emergency Grants](#) – Spring 2021
~~Emergency Grants are one-time grants available in an amount up to \$20,000 per organization for the purpose of providing services to the Japanese American and Asian American communities. You must be able to use these emergency funds by September 30, 2021. All grantees are required to be registered 501c3 organizations. They will begin accepting applications for Spring 2021 Emergency Grants on January 1st, 2021. (All applications must be completed by 5PM (PST) on Sunday, January 31, 2021 to be considered for funding.)~~
- [Literary Arts Emergency Fund](#) - The Literary Arts Emergency Fund is providing one-time emergency relief grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to nonprofit literary organizations and publishers throughout the U.S. The determination of grant amounts will include financial need and projected loss due to COVID-19; diversity, equity, and inclusion in regards to an organization's staff and board, poets and writers contracted, and audiences served; budget size; and an organization's ability to continue offering programming. Ends August 7th. (Opportunity has ended)

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- [Looking Out Foundation Grants to Individuals/ Families](#) - As part of the Looking Out Foundation's disaster relief efforts, the Looking Out Foundation has implemented a COVID-19 Relief Program for individuals and families lacking the resources to obtain basic necessities who are financially or otherwise in need because of the COVID-19 pandemic. An individual and such individual's household members who may be eligible for assistance because the individual is a victim of the COVID-19 pandemic has no automatic right to receive a grant from the Looking Out Foundation. Please note that the Looking Out Foundation receives far more requests for financial assistance than it can support. The maximum monetary value of support we offer per household is \$1,000. Individuals who have already previously received support from the Looking Out Foundation, are strongly encouraged to diversify their funding base and develop alternative sources of support. Applicants or their household members may not submit an application more than once in any twelve month period. To apply for a grant, please fill out our Individual / Family Application. Your completed application must be emailed in a single PDF file to donations@lookingoutfoundation.org. (Applications for the covid-19 relief fund have been temporarily suspended, as they have come to the end of our grant cycle. They are continuing their efforts to support this fund, and their endeavours to reactivate the covid-19 relief program and offer assistance again as soon as possible. The application for charities remains open.)

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- [Lowe's Hometowns Grant Program](#) - Lowe's is proud to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2021. As part of their centennial celebration, Lowe's wants to enhance the communities in which we all live by providing funding for 100 charitable projects such as improvements, to community resources/spaces, neighborhood housing, cultural preservation and area revitalization. While Lowe's may select some of the projects based on their own charitable initiatives, Lowe's invites customers from across the United States to nominate their hometowns for a charitable project through the Lowe's Hometown Grant Program . From the nominations received through the Program website, <https://lowes100hometowns.com>, Lowe's selection committee will ultimately select eligible charitable projects to fund by working with local non-profits and/or government entities. The Program nomination phase starts on March 9, 2021 at 12:00 AM ET and ends on April 19, 2021 at 11:59:59 PM ET
- [Michelson Spark Grants](#) - ~~On July 13th The Michelson 20MM Foundation will open their LOI portal for their Smart Justice funding round. Grant ask is up to \$25,00. Preference will be given to grants that cover a specific self-contained milestone focus such as inflection points, things that may open up a new foothold with a partner (i.e. enabling a new partnership with a market leader), new proof of concept. Examples of funding restrictions: general operating expenses (rent, utilities, server costs, etc.), general working capital. Key target outcomes include: Increase access to alternatives to face-to-face high-quality educational programming in coping with the COVID-19 pandemic for individuals who are incarcerated. Advance the revision and adoption of anti-racism curriculum development across systems of higher education. Increase access to wraparound reentry support services for individuals reentering the community that establish innovative pathways to higher education and/or career technical training. For more details, visit website linked above.~~ (Current opportunity is for organizations impacting California)

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- [Mission Asset Fund Immigrant Family Fund](#)- The Immigrant Families Fund provides grants of \$500 to immigrants to help cover whatever is most pressing in their lives. In order to be eligible, applicants must have experienced an income disruption due to COVID-19, earn less than \$99,000 or have a household income of less than \$198,000, and not be eligible to receive a CARES Recovery Rebate (coronavirus stimulus check) from the Federal government.
- [National Endowment for the Arts COVID-19 Resources for Artists and Arts Organization](#) ¹- A comprehensive listing of organizations providing frequently updated news and resources for artists and arts organizations.
- [Novartis US Foundation COVID-19 Community Response Fund](#)- ~~Novartis is a global healthcare company based in Switzerland that provides solutions to address the evolving needs of patients worldwide. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Novartis US Foundation has established the US COVID-19 Community Response Fund to support local initiatives and communities in the US impacted by the outbreak. The fund will provide up to USD \$5 million over a one-year period for immediate response and recovery efforts related to the pandemic. Applicants must be verified 501(c)(3) organizations. Priority will be given to efforts focused on geographies where Novartis has a physical presence and where there is an acute need, including, but not limited to, NJ, MA, CA, IL, NC, and NY. (No longer available)~~

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- [Open Road Alliance Grant](#) - These grants help social enterprises and nonprofits overcome obstacles to impact as they challenge the status quo to create a better world. From the health nonprofit facing a clinic shutdown due to a delayed grant payment, to the education provider unable to continue services due to a policy change, these charitable grants ensure innovative efforts to address the world's greatest challenges can carry on without interruption. Charitable grants are almost always given to non-profit organizations where there is a loss of funding instead of a timing issue. Open Road looks for a multiplier effect where the grant will have outsized impact on a given sector.
- [Peace Development Fund De Colores Rapid Response Fund](#)- De Colores RRF is looking to impact positive, dynamic-shifting opportunities, rather than [The Peace Development Fund works to build the capacity of community-based organizations through grants, training, and other resources as partners in human rights and social justice movements](#).an provide emergency response for humanitarian crises or technical assistance. It is designed to make funds available for quick, short-term delivery to hot spots of opportunity for organizing in marginalized urban and rural communities. Proposals are accepted all year, and reviewed regularly. Applications are accepted from coalitions, organizations and non-501(c)(3) groups, but not to fund individual efforts. Grants are in the \$500 to \$1,000 range.

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- [PEDIGREE Foundation 2021 COVID-19 Relief Grant](#) - Once again in 2021, PEDIGREE Foundation is shifting the funding typically used for Operation grants to instead provide COVID-19 Relief grants. Their goal this year is to support shelters and rescues in significant financial need that are working to help keep dogs in homes in the face of pandemic-related challenges. COVID-19 Relief grants will be awarded several times in 2021, to provide help on a rolling basis throughout the year. They are currently accepting applications for the first group of these grants, totaling \$50,000. Funds will be awarded in the April/May timeframe to meet immediate needs. You may request up to \$2,500 in funding. To qualify for a COVID-19 Relief grant you must be a 501(c)(3) shelter or rescue organization that can demonstrate financial need and/or increased costs due to the pandemic. As part of your application below, you will need to indicate how funds will support keeping dogs in homes and how many dogs would potentially be helped. If you have questions, please contact Meg Meredith at megan.meredith@effem.com.
- [PFUND Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund](#) - ~~This Fund micro grants to individuals and nonprofits that are most affected by the Coronavirus. The first round of grants is prioritizing the communities listed below, all of whom are particularly impacted by this crisis: Low-income residents, including those without health insurance and/or access to sick days. Low-income workers in disproportionately impacted industries, such as healthcare and the service industry, as well as gig economy workers. Residents with greater health risks, including people over age 60, people with compromised immune systems, and pregnant people, People experiencing homelessness, People with disabilities, Communities of color, Undocumented workers and families. (Opportunity now only open to states in the upper Midwest)~~

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- [Reeve Foundation](#) - The aim of the Reeve Foundation's new Quality of Life (QOL) grants program is to address social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of enhancing connectedness of people living with paralysis and their caregivers to their communities and preventing adverse health outcomes. Though we are looking to the field for innovative ways to address the program's aim and goals, funds may support programs and projects to: Connect isolated individuals and remotely foster engagement and connection through, virtual support groups, online activities to help support self-care and stress management, virtual and online adaptive physical activity and health promotion programs, art sessions, gaming, adapt services or create new services to continue to support and engage family caregivers, facilitate connection through the use of technology, including, increasing access to internet, broadband service, and tablets (via loan closets), provide programs with online opportunities for volunteering (Volunteering has been shown to have many positive health benefits), create strategies to strengthen and/or build social networks, and/or provide access to tools and resources to help people remain connected and engaged. It is expected that between six to ten grants will be awarded within the range of \$25,000-\$50,000. For complete details see website linked above. Letters of Intent (LOI) (3-week open period begins September 22nd) due October 13, 2020. (LOI period is closed)

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- [School Based Healthcare Solutions Network, INC COVID-19 Student Support Recovery Grant](#)- SBHSN is accepting applications for School District, School-Based Telehealth program services. Telehealth is the distribution of health-related services and information via electronic information and telecommunication technologies. It allows long-distance patient and clinician contact, care, advice, reminders, education, intervention, monitoring, and remote admissions. The purpose of this grant is to promote a collaborative and integrated approach amongst the education and healthcare community to ensure students succeed academically, socially, and emotionally while confined to home learning mandates during the nation's current national emergency. Funding shall staff licensed mental health professionals to coordinate behavioral health services utilizing Telehealth technology and academic coordination activities with school administration in collaboration with school district designated program personnel. Local Education Agency (LEA), Charter School Management Company, Charter School, and Private School (Faith Based and Non-Faith Based) are eligible to apply.
- [Simón Bolívar Foundation "Hoy Invita Simón" Small Grant Food Program](#) - ~~This program seeks to provide funds to eligible charitable organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that organize food drives for individuals in need without discrimination, but with special attention to members of the Venezuelan diaspora and other vulnerable populations who are suffering because of the pandemic. This is an open call to organizations to present proposals that can range from providing a warm meal on a one-day event to food drives to provide food supplies to families in need, to be implemented for several days, or weeks. Special attention will be given to those applicants who at the same time engage local businesses or organizations from the Venezuelan diaspora. Application open through July 3rd. (Applications closed on July 3rd).~~

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- [Sorenson Impact Foundation](#) - The Sorenson Impact Foundation (SIF) is inviting potential grant recipients to propose solutions that can contribute to a more equitable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis. SIF is specifically targeting solutions that enable recovery through developing and growing businesses as well as the communities they're in to equitably rebuild coming out of the current social, health and economic crisis. The RFP submission period will open on Friday, July 17, 2020 and close on August 30, 2020 at 5:00pm Eastern time. (Application closed)
- [Southern Black Girls & Women's Consortium COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund](#) - The Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium (SBGWC) is a collective of funders, activists and community leaders working to advance the movements for Black girls and women in the Deep South. We are offering an immediate funding opportunity to support Black girls and women and the people who rely on them. The SBGWC COVID-19 fund will rapidly deploy resources to organizations that support Black girls and women in the South that may be experiencing financial crisis or uncertainty due to the coronavirus outbreak. (No longer accepting applications)

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- [Southern Partners Fund COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund](#) - JUSTICE FUND EMERGENCY RELIEF Supports immediate response to and relief from disasters that occur in SPF's 12 regional focus states. Funding is available for a specific event on an "as needed" rolling basis. While priority will be given to organizations that have a component of community organizing in their missions, SPF recognizes that many organizations are called upon to facilitate emergency response in crisis situations. JUSTICE FUND RENEWAL Supports mid-term and long-term rebuilding efforts after disasters occur in SPF's 12 regional focus states. Funding in this category is reviewed and awarded quarterly. Organizations that apply for funding from the Renewal Program have community organizing components consistent with the mission of Southern Partners Fund. Request for the fund will be accepted on a rolling basis and should be submitted to antoine@southernpartnersfund.org To ensure they receive your request please place JUSTICE FUND REQUEST in the subject line of your email. If you do not receive a confirmation email from SPF, please assume they did not receive it.
- [Southern Vision Alliance's Frontlines Leaders Fund COVID-19 Community Response Grants](#) - ~~These are small grants of up to \$500 to neighborhood-based and local organizing efforts in response to COVID-19. Priority will be given to efforts led by workers, LGBTQ people, youth and students, Black people and people of color, rural communities, disabled people, migrants, and families. The opportunity is open to grassroots organizations, groups of individuals, and individuals. You do not need to be 501(c)3 or 501(c)3-sponsored but funds must be used in compliance with 501(c)3 guidelines. (They are taking a pause on accepting new COVID-19 applications)~~

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- [TD Ready Challenge](#) - The 2020 TD Ready Challenge is focused on supporting innovative solutions that address the impacts of the pandemic. Applications must work to explicitly address inequities exacerbated by the pandemic, as well as one or more of the four interconnected drivers of change of the TD Ready Commitment: Financial Security, Vibrant Planet, Connected Communities, and Better Health. A total commitment of \$10 million CAD will be available through one-time grants ranging from \$350,000 CAD to \$1 million CAD each (approximate equivalent of \$260,000 USD to \$745,000 USD) for initiatives that address this year's problem statement. U.S. nonprofit organizations as well as Canadian registered charities and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Submission deadline is 4pm EST on August 13th. (Application has closed)
- [United Philanthropy Forum Momentum Fund](#) - The Momentum Fund will provide grants to 501(c)(3) organizations that are managing an active COVID-19 fund. The grants will help these organizations build their capacity so that they can effectively grow, promote, manage and sustain their funds (whether they need to add new staff, access consulting expertise, acquire new software, etc.). Funding from the Momentum Fund will support US-based 501(c)(3) organizations managing COVID-19 funds that are providing grants to other 501(c)(3) organizations that are meeting the needs of communities and populations whose health and/or financial situations have been most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and who have been historically marginalized and under-served in our country. Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$100,000 and a total of \$8.5 million will be awarded, thanks to an investment by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Applications for the Momentum Fund will be accepted until 3:00 pm ET | 12 pm PT on Thursday, June 18, 2020. (applications have closed)

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- [Wells Fargo COVID-19 Community Giving](#) - Wells Fargo is donating \$175 million to help address public health needs, small business, housing, and financial health for vulnerable populations. Wells Fargo distributes money through both national grants and local grants. Grants vary in size and geographic distribution, but all applications must be submitted through the official Wells Fargo grant online application.
- [Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action: The Youth Fund for COVID-19 Action](#) - ~~The Youth Fund is a new fund to support youth action around the world, where the decisions on which projects are funded are made by young people themselves. The fund is supported by the UN Major Group for Children and Youth, ActionAid Denmark, Restless Development and developed in collaboration with UNFPA. This first call for applications will focus on supporting actions taken by registered youth-led organisations tackling the impacts of COVID-19 as part of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action's Youth Compact Champions Programme. The deadline for applications is Sunday 16 August at 23:59:59 GMT. (Applications closed)~~

Nonprofit- Resources and Information

General information for nonprofits impacted by COVID-19

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- [Freewill Guide to the CARES Act for Nonprofits](#)- Freewill is an online service that provides legal forms and legal information. They are not a law firm and are not a substitute for an attorney's advice. They were created as a social venture founded by graduate students at Stanford University in 2016, with the help and support of many of the world's leading experts in law, design, and philanthropy. This guide is intended to help nonprofits with fewer than 500 employees navigate the loans made possible by the CARES Act. Specifically, it will focus on the small business lending facility (section 1101-1107), also known as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
- [Guilford Nonprofit Consortium Nonprofit Needs List](#)- The Guilford Nonprofit Consortium is a collaborative of nonprofit organizations, large and small, in Guilford County, North Carolina that fosters mutual assistance and support. This portal is a list of needs from area nonprofits in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If an individual or an organization can fulfill a need, they are asked to contact the Nonprofit directly.
- [National Council of Nonprofits](#)- The National Council of Nonprofits is a trusted resource and proven advocate for America's charitable nonprofits. Connecting the policy dots across all levels and branches of governments, the Council of Nonprofits keeps nonprofits informed and empowered to create a positive public policy environment that best supports nonprofits in advancing their missions. They have created an updated resource with information specific to Nonprofits impacted by COVID-19.

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- [NC CARES: Humanities Relief Grants](#) - More than \$600,000 in emergency grants will be made available to support nonprofit cultural organizations in the state experiencing hardships due to the coronavirus pandemic. NC CARES: Humanities Relief Grants will be awarded to humanities-focused organizations to maintain their existing humanities programming and services and to innovate, adapt, and strengthen access to humanities programming and services affected by the pandemic. Applications open May 13-29
- [North Carolina Center for Nonprofits](#)- The North Carolina Center for Nonprofits is a state-wide organization that exists to educate, connect, and advocate for North Carolina nonprofits. They have created an updated resource with information for nonprofits and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- [North Carolina Network of Grantmakers](#)- The North Carolina Network of Grantmakers (NCNG) connects more than 115 foundations and corporate giving programs to a network of knowledge, resources, and sector colleagues that help them meet their mission and serve the community. The novel coronavirus and resulting COVID-19 disease is a rapidly unfolding situation in North Carolina and across the globe. The effects of the outbreak are likely to be widespread, and will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable among us. With this in mind, NCNG is compiling information and resources related to the outbreak, as well as philanthropy's response.

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- UNC School of Law Covid-19 Response Summer Project - The purpose of the Covid-19 Summer Project (the “Project”) is to 1) serve the legal needs of North Carolina charitable nonprofit organizations, including churches and other religious organizations, as they adjust to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2) provide rich practical educational experiences for a cohort of UNC Law students. The Project will focus on the legal needs of small, under-resourced charitable nonprofit organizations in North Carolina. Although many nonprofit organizations are distressed during this challenging time, the Project’s priority will be to serve organizations that could not otherwise afford to pay for legal services and that therefore have nowhere else to turn. The scope of the Project’s representation will depend on the volume of requests; however, in order of priority, it will accept matters involving 1) CARES Act loans and loan forgiveness; 2) other legal questions or challenges arising directly or indirectly from the Covid-19 pandemic, including employment law and risk reduction strategies; 3) other matters concerning the law of nonprofit organizations. Charitable nonprofit organizations seeking assistance should contact Professor Thomas Kelley at takelley@email.unc.edu. The email should include a brief description of the organization, including its size and its mission, along with a summary of the organization’s legal challenge(s).
- [The Volunteer Center of the Triad](#) - The Volunteer Center strengthens the community by creating meaningful volunteer connections. We connect people, promote volunteerism, support nonprofits, and build partnerships. They have created a resource for Nonprofits who need volunteers. Community members who are interested in volunteering can view opportunities including opportunities that may be done at home.

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Resources on Reopening the Economy

- [CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#) - This guidance is intended for all Americans, whether you own a business, run a school, or want to ensure the cleanliness and safety of your home. Reopening America requires all of us to move forward together by practicing social distancing and other daily habits to reduce our risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. Reopening the country also strongly relies on public health strategies, including increased testing of people for the virus, social distancing, isolation, and keeping track of how someone infected might have infected other people. This plan is part of the larger United States Government plan and focuses on cleaning and disinfecting public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and can also be applied to your home. Additional pandemic preparedness resources from the CDC can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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- [CDC Guidance Limiting Workplace Violence Associated with COVID-19 Prevention Policies in Retail and Services Businesses](#) - This information is intended for use by employers and employees in retail, services, and other customer-based businesses. Retail or service businesses sell goods and provide services to the public and include department stores, grocery stores, gas stations, and restaurants. These businesses are open and have started state-directed, municipality-directed, and company-directed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) prevention policies and practices to minimize the spread of the virus among employees and customers. This information is not intended to address every business setting. A business may need to adapt these strategies based on its physical space, staffing, and other factors.
- [EDPNC Resources for Reopening NC Businesses](#)³ - A collection of resources and best practices for North Carolina businesses who are preparing to reopen. The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) is focused on recruiting new businesses to the state, supporting the needs of existing businesses, connecting exporters to global customers, helping small business owners get their start, and attracting tourists and visitors from all over the world. As a nonprofit public-private partnership, the EDPNC operates under contract with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, while receiving additional financial support from the private sector. Counselors are available to offer information and services in Spanish.

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- [Family Forward NC Rapid Response Program](#) - Family Forward NC's Rapid Response program provides hospitality and manufacturing employers with the resources and support needed as they face family workplace issues during their return to work/retooling of their businesses. Family-friendly businesses will be able to reopen strategically; have employees best equipped to return faster and more fully and establish a culture of ongoing safety and security to attract and retain talent now and in the future and support the health and well-being of families and children.
- [Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Small Business Restart Guide](#) - In partnership with ALT HR Partners, the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce has created a guide to returning to work safely. It includes OSHA rules and regulations, information on the expanded paid sick leave and FMLA laws and a checklist of essential steps to complete before you reopen your office.
- [Greensboro Restaurant Expansion into Public Right of Way Permitting](#)- Greensboro restaurants may apply for a special event permit to offer outdoor dining on sidewalks, public streets, or on-street parking areas during NC's Phase II of reopening, which runs through at least June 26. The City has waived special event permit fees for this purpose. The permitting process includes application review, applicant outreach, and a final site inspection. Special Event Permit Application Process: Download and complete the fillable application. Email completed application to cogpermits@greensboro-nc.gov. See the [FAQs](#) for more details. For questions about the permitting process, email the Special Events Office or call 336-373-4572.
- [James Beard Foundation Resources and Guidance for Re-Opening Restaurants](#) - A collection of tips and tools from federal, private, and international sources on reopening restaurants.

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- [Kilpatrick, Townsend and Stockton's Reopening Checklist](#) - Attorneys at Kilpatrick, Townsend and Stockton have compiled a reopening checklist that contains information on the following topics: operational infrastructure, employment laws & worker safety, and social distancing.
- [National Restaurant Association COVID-19 Reopening Guidance](#) - "The National Restaurant Association partnered with representatives of the Food and Drug Administration, academia, the Conference for Food Protection, Ecolab, public health officials and industry representatives to develop a set of opening and operating guidelines to help restaurants return to full operation safely when the time comes."
- [North Carolina Department for Health and Human Services COVID-19 Guidance](#) - From NCDHHS. Includes guidance for health care, child care, educational organizations, businesses, and more. Included are the interim [guidance for restaurants](#) opening in Phase 2 of NC Governor's three phase reopening plan.
- [Office of the President](#) ³- Recommendations and guidelines from the White House on the reopening of America. The White House is recommending a three phase approach.
- [OSHA COVID-19 Control and Prevention](#) ³ - OSHA has developed this interim guidance to help prevent worker exposure to SARS-CoV-2. The general guidance below applies to all U.S. workers and employers. Depending on where their operations fall in OSHA's exposure risk pyramid (Spanish), workers and employers should also consult additional, specific guidance for those at increased risk of exposure in the course of their job duties broken down by exposure risk level.

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- [State of North Carolina Guidance](#)- NC Gov. Roy Cooper lays out a plan to ease restrictions due to Coronavirus focused on testing, tracing, and watching trends. [On April 23rd](#), Gov. Cooper extended the State's stay at home order to May 8th and provided information on a three phase lifting of restrictions based on virus trends. See this [News and Observer article from April 23rd](#) for analysis of the Governor's new executive order and phased lifting of restrictions.
 - Phase 3 FAQ: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/staying-ahead-curve/phase-3-faqs>
 - Phase 2 Guidance: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/staying-ahead-curve>
 - Clarification from Governor's office regarding opening of breweries, cideries, and distilleries in Phase 2:
https://www.ncbeer.org/docs/05_22_20_EO_141_Guidance_on_Bars.pdf
 - ABC of North Carolina Guidance on reopening for bars and establishments selling alcohol: <https://abc.nc.gov/PublicResources/Announcements>

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- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce Path Forward Program](#)- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions. The Path Forward Program is an initiative to address how Americans and businesses can return to work safely, successfully, and sustainably.
- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce State-by-State Business Reopening Guidance](#) - To help track the differences across each state and provide the latest guidance and information to America's employers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has launched an interactive state map and state guides. You will find the latest guidelines, timelines and other critical information for businesses aiming to restart safely and sustainably amid the pandemic, as well as (at the bottom of each state profile) a link to the latest information for employers in that state.
- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce CO Guide to Reopening Your Business](#) - Designed for business owners, CO— is a site that connects like minds and delivers actionable insights for next-level growth. This resource provides information on everything small business owners need to reopen their business and get back to work.
- [World Health Organization](#)- WHO works worldwide to promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable. Their goal is to ensure that a billion more people have universal health coverage, to protect a billion more people from health emergencies, and provide a further billion people with better health and well-being. The WHO is beginning to issue guidance on what conditions need to be met before ending the Coronavirus lockdown.

1- Not a grant or loan making organization or institution but provides comprehensive listing of grant and loan opportunities

2- Not providing specific COVID-19 related grant or loan opportunities

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